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Parish News

TOFT CUM LOUND AND MANTHORPE PARISH COMMUNICATION Now that we have our newly elected representatives at County and District level, it is probably time to make sure that we have an efficient and useful system of communicating information of local interest from all our councillors and other local services. The new Parish website is up and running and is, we hope, useful.

<https://toft-lound-manthorpe.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Parish email Distribution List To complement the new website, there is a parish email distribution list. Should you wish to ensure that you receive timely news of events via email, **residents of Toft, Lound and Manthorpe**, who are not already on the list, **are asked to send their email address, name and house address to the editor: the3towers1@gmail.com**

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Sunday 29th August 2021
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The Vicar Writes

Change is afoot in the Church of England! Several Dioceses have been under real financial pressure in recent years and many have been running unsustainable deficits for some time. Whenever someone is talking (or writing) about Diocesan finances, it's always good to make the distinction between the Dioceses and the central funds of the Church of England. Central funds and investments have been doing well since George Carey set about rescuing its finances in the 1980s. Central funds administer the Church nationally and pay for its Bishops. The Dioceses are a separate and different matter. Dioceses rely on contributions from Parishes, investments and whatever historic income/assets they may possess.

Here in Lincoln, the Diocese is considered to be 'land rich' as it owns a considerable amount of agricultural land. However, the income from such assets is limited and the answer to each new problem

or challenge cannot be to 'sell another farm' as the family silver won't last forever.

Right now, the sums don't add up for the Diocese. Which means clergy posts will have to be cut from 140 to less than 100. This isn't as drastic as you might think. Over in Nottinghamshire the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham cut clergy back to the magic '100 posts' in 2006. The real change comes with the planned reorganisation of Parish ministry both here and in other Diocese.

Whereas previously the Church of England could boast of having a presence in every community, clergy will now be expected to operate in teams across ever-larger geographical areas. They will offer services in fewer Churches with the expectation that larger, successful congregations may have worship every week, whereas, small villages may only have worship up to six times a year (e.g. Christmas, Easter,

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The other clarion call of the new thinking is that the Church must offer variety! A diverse menu of different services in different places is now called for. The notion that two neighbouring Churches can be found doing the same or similar is considered to be a misallocation of resources. Logic would have us think that, if people want something, they'll travel to get it (a bit like supermarket shopping). Sadly, that isn't how it works. In many Parishes, 'joint service' is synonymous with 'Sunday off'!

On one level this might all seem perfectly sensible (and much of it is). Many will tell you that it is not the beginning of the end of the Parish system but others will swear blind that it is. My greatest concern lies in the contrast between 'somewhere' and 'anywhere'.

The Parish system is all about being 'somewhere' and sees rootedness in a particular place as paramount.

What is currently being proposed is the change from 'somewhere' to 'anywhere'; prioritising gatherings in a few select Church buildings unconnected to any locality to experience worship based on 'themes' rather than 'context' or 'community'.

Outside of metropolitan areas, the Parish system brings the Church into contact with local communities. It is the way in which, for centuries, the Church has sought to live out the commandment to take the Good News of Jesus Christ out to all nations (to somewhere).

The new thinking suggests that, if you want us, you'll probably have to look us up and find us. Whereas previously your local Church notice board would tell you 'when' services were due to happen, it could soon be the case that it will tell you 'where' a service is happening (because it's unlikely to be happening in your Church anytime soon). It will also mean that you won't so much have a Parish Priest, instead, you'll just have

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'local clergy'. Having 'your own Vicar' will be a thing of the past and, instead, you have to get hold of 'a Vicar' whenever one might be available.

I have to say that I'm first and foremost a 'somewhere' person but it may be the case that I'll be called (and required) to do much of what I do 'anywhere' instead. Whatever happens, I'm determined to try and remain 'the Vicar of...' rather than just 'a Vicar'.

If any of this makes sense to you, may I encourage you to support us in any way that you can? Now is the time to galvanise our congregations and to make the very best use of all that we have. I don't want our Churches to become like red telephone boxes – symbols of a bygone age, sad, neglected and in need of a new purpose. Our message is one of life and hope! We aren't destined to be merely dry bones. Now is the time! Let's not let this opportunity slip by.

Fr Edward

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Rogation Walk on Sunday 9th May 2021

On this sunny, slightly blustery day, 11 people, 2 priests and a dog met at Swinstead Church for the annual walk to re-enact the beating of the bounds to pray for our crops during this new season. The word rogation comes from the word 'rogare', to ask and Rogation Day is especially devoted to asking God's blessing on agriculture and industry.

And so we began, outside the church, with a rousing rendition of 'For the beauty of the earth' before processing to Station 1: An Orchard for a reading and prayers surrounded by apple blossom and then on to Station 2: Woodland in the woods at the edge of Grimsthorpe Park. We emerged back out into the sunshine to be faced with the magnificent view of Grimsthorpe Castle across the valley and the lake glistening below.

We made a straggling group, chatting along the way, catching up with our news, glad to be sociable after months of lockdown. Station 3: Water and Father Ed, the only one in wellies, braved the ford while the rest crossed the bridge over the lake outfall and we made our way up the hill. Station 4: Crops and Fields was made surrounded by fields of winter wheat where we disturbed a small herd of roe deer. By now, we could see the flag waving on top of St. Michael and All Angels Church, encouraging us back to the Regional House for tea.

As we passed through Copy Lawn Farm, we paused for Station 5: Livestock surrounded by sheep and lambs, some young pigs and fine Limousin cattle. A quick burst up the main road, competing with the Sunday afternoon motorcyclists and we all made it to the final stop outside the Regional House for Station 6: A Place of Hospitality and sure enough, tea, coffee, quiche and cakes!

Witham on the Hill WI

The speaker at the May meeting, held by Zoom, was Patty Harris who spoke about the Spalding Gentlemen’s Society, which began in 1710 being one of the oldest societies in England. It was started by Maurice Johnson, a drainage lawyer who lived in Ayscoughfee Hall and enjoyed the coffee houses in London, so decided to start something similar in Spalding. Meetings were held every Thursday – the day the periodicals were delivered.

Members gathered to read the periodicals and drink coffee. The joining fee was donating a book and subscription. Famous members included Tennyson and Isaac Newton.

The Society has over 10,000 books and documents, including maps of the original drainage systems for the fens – still referred to by consultants today.

The museum is a treasure trove in the process of being catalogued. Some are fragile and are being conserved. A strong room holds rare items which can be viewed when visiting. In

normal times there are meetings every Thursday and a programme of lectures.

Jane Wilmot gave the vote of thanks for a fascinating talk and assured the speaker that the WI will visit the museum as soon as possible!

The next meeting will be by Zoom on Tuesday 1 June at 7.30pm when Jane Napper will demonstrate making chocolates! For more information on the WI, or to join the Zoom meeting, contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel: 01778 590232.

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Witham Hall School Runs to Raise Money for “Don't Lose Hope”

At the end of April, pupils and staff took part in the annual Witham Hall Fun Run. This year's event was held in support of Don't Lose Hope, the Bourne-based mental health charity. Eddy Bear, Don't Lose Hope's mascot, was there, along with Mr and Mrs Austen, to start the race, cheering pupils to the finish line. Each child was asked to seek sponsorship for the event from family and friends, efforts which have raised more than £6,000 for the local charity. Everyone embraced the spirit of the event, running in fancy dress and house colours.

Don't Lose Hope and Eddy Bear are not new to the Witham Hall community. Eddy Bear arrived to huge smiles and excitement in March for his surprise appearance at an outdoor assembly when children returned to school following the most recent lockdown. Dom and Nicola Brister from Don't Lose Hope explained how the Fun Run would support Don't Lose Hope's professional counselling service for all members of the community from age four upwards, regardless of their financial means. Witham Hall Pre-Prep also keep Don't Lose Hope 'Worry Monsters' in every classroom, encouraging the younger children to share their concerns and worries. The concept is that they jot down their 'worry' or whisper it in the Worry Monster's ear, and the worry monster 'eats' it. Each worry monster has a name and is a reminder to speak up when you need help or are worried.

Headmaster, William Austen, commented, 'We are working to normalise conversations about mental health with the children, wearing away any stigma. Of course, there is value in the children learning to play a part in the community through events like the Fun Run, but Eddy Bear's participation has also been hugely helpful in our efforts to teach the children that we have

to consider our mental and emotional wellbeing in the same way we look after our physical health.'

Nicola Brister, founder and CEO of the charity, added, 'We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Witham Hall, not only for the incredible amount of money raised, but for a really fun afternoon. All the funds raised will be going towards providing play therapy and counselling for children and young people.'

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THOUGHTS FOR JUNE

Glorious June. We are surrounded by the scent of roses, abundant flowers and herbs whilst the farmers are busy with their new lambs, sheep shearing and haymaking.

The Summer Solstice sees the sun climb to its highest point, June 21st being the longest day, halfway through 2021 already!

Celebration time again of course. Nowadays it's mainly fetes and fairs but back in time folk would weave flower garlands to wear not just for themselves but for their cattle, hoping for a productive year.

One particular herb, St John's Wort, was greatly sought after as an effective cure for many ailments (and possibly for its magical properties)! St John's birth being remembered on the 24th of this month.

St Peter, often called 'The Rock' and father of all Christians, is celebrated on the 29th, when fragrant hay was spread on church floors.

Fishermen will tell you that the black marks either side on the head of the John Dory, are the black thumb prints of St Peter.

There's food for thought.

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LOCAL WALKS

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Start: Edenham Village Hall car park

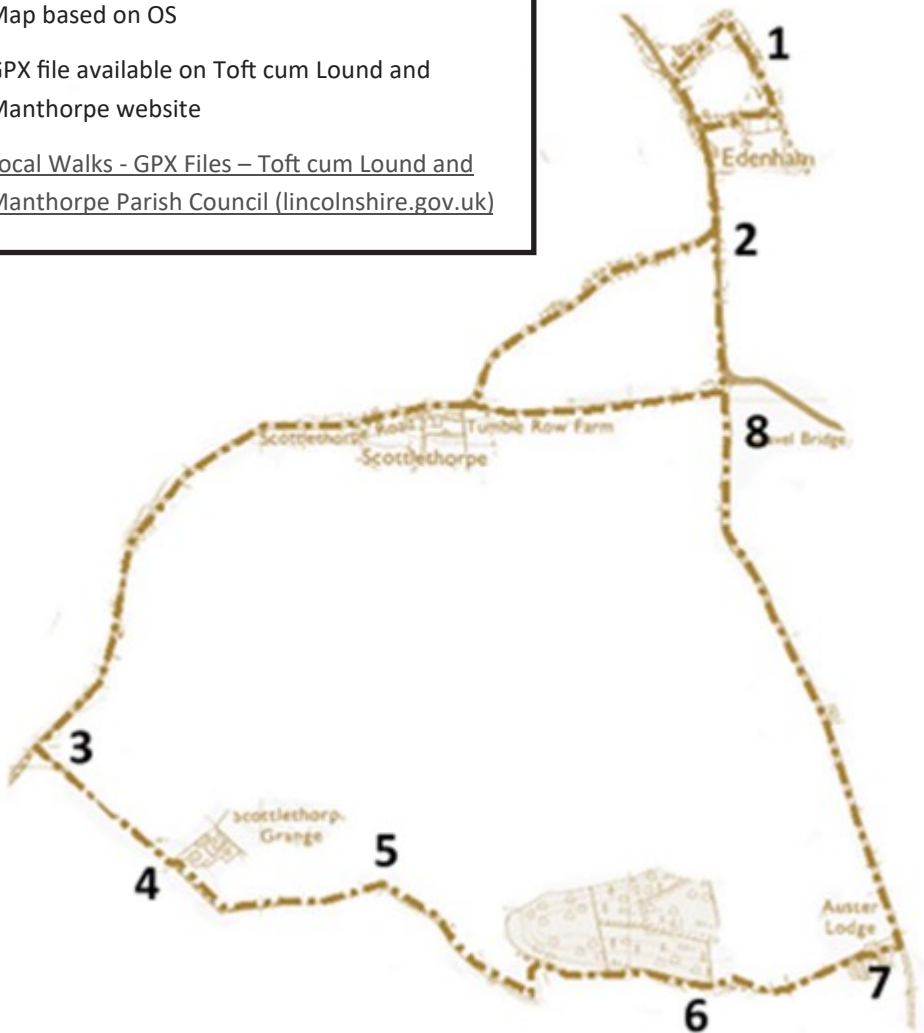
1. Turn left out of the car park and walk past the Vicarage entrance following the road around to the main road (A151). Turn left onto the A151, cross over the road and take the first right towards Scottlethorpe.
2. Keep on the road through Scottlethorpe onto a well-maintained concrete road past a gate/barrier and a house. Downhill over the small bridge, climbing back up towards a wood.
3. Turn left at the footpath sign just before you enter the wood towards Scottlethorpe Grange.
4. At Scottlethorpe Grange, go to the left of the hedge and over a stile following the footpath straight ahead then bending to the left and diagonally across a field. If it is very muddy, you could keep to the right of the field and follow the field-line anti-clockwise to the bottom point of the field.
5. Turn right following the footpath signs towards the ford then left to a small wooden bridge. Cross the bridge and turn right keeping close to the Rough Hills Plantation fence line.
6. Turn slightly left at the end of the plantation and head for the bridge crossing the river once more. (Be careful not to head for the other crossing slightly to the right which is, initially, easier to see). Climb the hill following the footpath towards Auster Lodge.

7. As you enter Auster Lodge go past the first shed turning slightly right then left again between the buildings onto the road. Follow the "Toft" road to the A151 then back to Edenham and the car park.
8. Should you not wish to take the grass verge along the A151, you can take the signed footpath just before the junction back towards Scotlethorpe, turning right at the road and retracing your steps to the car park.

Map based on OS

GPX file available on Toft cum Lound and
Manthorpe website

[Local Walks - GPX Files – Toft cum Lound and
Manthorpe Parish Council \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](#)



Woodcroft Castle

Woodcroft Castle is a mainly late 13th century structure with a few early Tudor period additions, tucked away in the back roads just north of Peterborough. It was the site of the only substantial military action of the English Civil War in Peterborough, when in 1648 it was besieged by Parliamentary forces determined to capture Michael Hudson, its commander. Dr. Hudson was a priest, chaplain to Charles I, and, despite his calling, a dyed-in-the-wool Royalist who launched armed raids into the surrounding area. The siege was a bloody affair which led to deaths on both sides, including Dr. Hudson, but victory for the Roundheads.

I only found out about the castle in the summer of 2019 in an estate agent's advert in an old newspaper. I did a bit of research and it seemed a fascinating place. So even though privately owned, I was keen to visit.

The castle is not easy to get to. I tried the narrow lane south of Etton from the Glinton to Helpston road but was thwarted when I reached the level crossing of the East Coast Main railway line. The lady crossing keeper warned me that as it was only an insignificant crossing, controlled from Helpston, it could be a half hour wait until the gate was opened.

I had better luck with my next attempt. I drove south along King Street and left to Marholm. In the village I turned left along the narrow lane back to Etton. After 2 miles I reached Woodcroft Castle and parked on a muddy farm track opposite.

The castle is circled by a moat and well set back from the road in extensive grounds with large trees. I walked up the entrance drive, hoping to meet someone who would give me permission to take photographs. A gang of builders was renovating the castle and they had their vans, cranes, sacks of cement and various bits of equipment strewn about in front of the building, somewhat spoiling the view.

I enquired of who appeared to be the head man, who said I should speak to the owner. One of the builders then disappeared into the castle. I followed him and the owner appeared, an American gentleman.

I asked for permission to photograph but he was reluctant at first, mentioning rightly that the castle was not looking its best and did not want any images posted on social media. I gave him my solemn word that any pictures would be solely for my private use and guaranteed that they would never appear in public. (That is why I cannot provide any photographs). He graciously accepted my assurance and gave me permission.

The foreman builder was a knowledgeable man, who told me that the castle dates from the 1200s and pointed out that the battlements along the frontage were more recent. He showed me the line on the central tower of an old pitched roof, saying that a flat roof was now concealed behind the parapet. On leaving I politely declined his request for a portrait and thanked him for all his kind help.

A truly worthwhile expedition. Pity the castle was not open to the public. I mentally forgave the owner for entrusting a historic English structure to American hands. One could take the view that at least he was restoring the castle, which otherwise might have fallen into wrack and ruin.

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Edenham Parish Council

Meeting 11th May 2021

Clerk's Notes

This is the first face to face meeting of the Parish Council since March 2020. The meeting was attended by Parish Councillors Mrs Cranfield, Mrs Treacy, Mr Bradley, Mr Clarke, Mr Wilson, Mrs Marshall, Mr Hawes, and the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sands.

Election of Officers: Chairman - Cllr P Cranfield, Vice Chairman: - Cllr Clarke

Updates from Previous Meeting

Community street cleaning - We are continuing to see a high level of litter around the villages and increased fly tipping activity near Gunborough Hill.

Overnight parking - A resident has reported that HGV's are using the coal yard pull in area on Main Street, Edenham for overnight parking and that litter and human excrement have been found when the vehicle has left the area. This is concerning as parents taking their children to Edenham School use this area for parking. It was resolved that the Parish Clerk contact Grimsthorpe Estate who own the land to ask for support in trying to resolve this matter.

Speed Indicator monitor - Parish Clerk has collated data from the

speed monitor, this shows that there are a large number of vehicles passing through the village at excessive speed, the highest recorded was 105 mph. Concerns were raised for the safety of residents and children attending Edenham and Pillarwood Farm Pre-school. It was resolved that the Parish Clerk contact Lincolnshire Police to ask for support with this ongoing issue.

Gigabyte Voucher Scheme - Cllr Clarke confirmed that there has been no further progress. Cllr Clarke will contact LCC Cllr Hill to ask for support.

Openreach/BT exchange, Main Street, Grimsthorpe - Openreach/BT is now disputing ownership of the wall and the conifer trees. The Parish Council is continuing to look for a resolution and are reviewing the Land Registry documents.

Flower beds - The tractor tyres are in place and have been fully planted. The project has been completed without any costs. The Councillors would like to thank Mr Peter Eustance and Mr Eddy Peeling who have very kindly donated plants and Councillor Bradley for his work on delivering this project.

Grey Bin by the river bridge - Cllr Bradley confirmed that the bin has



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Waste Water issues Pillarwood

Farmhouse/A151 - Cllr Hawes confirmed that Grimsthorpe Estate is now progressing this issue with Anglian Water.

New Parish Council Matters

Burglaries and trespassing around

Scottlethorpe and Edenham - It is confirmed that 11 homes were affected during the night of Good Friday and the early hours of Saturday morning. The incidents were reported to the police and a number of CCTV photos were provided showing the person(s) responsible. At this time, no one has been apprehended for the crimes. We ask Parishioners to continue to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the Police.

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scheme - The Parish Council has been contacted by residents who have asked if the Council would consider purchasing the telephone kiosks in Edenham and Grimsthorpe. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk contact the residents who have shown an interest in the scheme to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss their proposal for use, general maintenance and upkeep of the kiosks before the final decision to

purchase is made.

Street lighting - A resident contacted the Parish Clerk with regard to the current lighting levels from the Village Hall to the Vicarage. It was resolved that the Parish Clerk check that all lights are working and any issues be reported to the Highways Department.

Dog walking on the playing fields -

The Parish Clerk has been contacted by a resident who has raised concerns about the number of people walking their dogs on the playing field especially as this is used by children's football teams. It was also highlighted that a bag of dog waste was left on one of the benches. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson review this with the Village Hall committee, as they look after the playing field.

New Benches - The Chair of Steam Action is looking to purchase two new benches for the play area and has asked if the Parish Council would be willing to add the benches to the Insurance Policy.

Great British Spring Clean - This is taking place 28th May to 13th June 2021. Councillors raised a number of health and safety concerns; it was resolved that the Parish Council would not commit to this.

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Mobile Library Service - Residents have enquired about the introduction of the mobile library service to Edenham. The service provider has confirmed that there is a requirement that at least 6 people visit the vehicle for the hour that it is parked. It was resolved that the Parish Clerk contact Edenham School to see if they would be interested in using this service.

Please contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest - email Edenham.pc@gmail.com or telephone 01778 591435.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II June 2022 - It was resolved that the Parish Council will look to join together with Steam Action and the Village Hall committee for this celebration. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson and Cllr Treacy would follow this up with the committees. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Play Area Information - The Parish Council has received a number of quotes for the repairs to the grass areas and a number of the wooden posts which will need to be replaced in the near future.

Planning Matters—Please see the SKDC website for full details

S21/0641 - the installation of a 20m monopole and associated equipment on the A151—Parish Council has

commented on this.

S21/0679 installation of a green bedding system adjacent to slurry store and construction of a 30m x 30m dirty water lagoon at Brook Farm - no comments made.

S21/0633 masonry repairs to walled garden in Grimsthorpe Estate - no comments made.

Decision notice S21/0188 received from SKDC - Confirms plans approved by SKDC Planning Committee.

Financial Matters

Receipts: Annual Precept - £2950.00

Expenditure:

Zurich Insurance - £300.00

HMRC PAYE - £45.20

Community Street Cleaner - £181.52

Parish Clerk Salary - £162.36

Play Area repairs - for grass and wooden posts - £1,368.00 +VAT

Bank Reconciliation Report (11th May 21): Treasurers Account - £4086.50; Business Account - £3440.24

Annual Accounts/Internal Audit, AGAR Section 1 & Section 2 and Notice of Public Rights & Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return (EXEMPT AUTHORITY) - approved. The detail of these is available on the Parish website.

Mobile Post Office - The mobile service commenced in late March 2021; however, due to technical issues with connections to the vehicle, the service has been suspended until further notice. The Post Office is working to resolve the issue.

Next Meeting Date - 13th July 2021 at 19:30hours.

The full draft minutes are available on the Parish Council website and on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

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Notes of Edenham, Grimsthorpe, Elsthorpe and Scotlethorpe Annual Parish Meeting - 11 May 2021

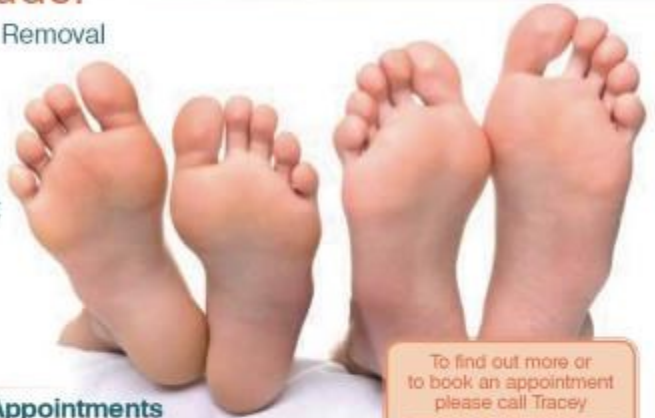
The one member of the public who attended, raised the issue of potholes in the Parishes that often take a long while to repair. It was highlighted that we get more grass cutting in areas where the member of public felt it was not necessary and that this money could be put to better use on repairs to the potholes. Cllr Cranfield confirmed that the Parish Council will continue to make the Highways aware of potholes via the Fix My Street App and keep Lincolnshire County Cllr Martin Hill in the loop.

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June 1915

Our School Roll of Honour. - Mr Metcalfe (*school teacher*) has supplied the following list of old scholars now serving with his Majesty's Forces.

*On Active Service.

Walter Archer, Lincs Regiment

* William Archer, Motor Transport

William Birch, Lincs Regiment

Leslie Brighton, Lincs Regiment

Richard Carr, R.F.A. (*Royal Field Artillery*)

William Carr, Army Remounts

Arthur Francis, R.A.M.C. (*Royal Army Medical Corps*)

Arthur Hamling, Lincs Regiment

William Holmes, Northumberland Fusiliers

Cyril Keefe, Lincs Regiment

Lancelot Lloyd, Lincs Yeomanry

Raymond Lloyd, Lincs Yeomanry

* Leslie Metcalfe, Leeds Rifles, West Yorks. Regiment

Harold Pell, Suffolk Regiment

Herbert Pell, Lincs Regiment

Alfred Pick, R.F.A.

Edgar Pick, Staffs Yeomanry

Alfred Weldon, Lincs Regiment

Harry Wilkinson, 5th Dragoon Guards

James Wilkinson, K.O.Y.L.I. (*King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry*)

* Walter Wilkinson, Royal Navy, H.M.S. "Sentinel"




Cecil Woolmer, Lincs Regiment

Horace Woolmer, Sherwood Foresters

*Howard Woolmer, 1st Lincs

Gifts for the Wounded. - We have been asked by Mrs. Fenwick to publish the following appeal: Vegetables, poultry, fruit and provisions will be gratefully received for wounded at Stamford Infirmary and other hospitals. The smallest gifts are welcome. Any one who desires to help is asked to communicate with Mrs. Fenwick. The gifts will be sent to Stamford weekly, on Fridays.










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**Witham on the Hill Parish
Council
Clerk's Notes - Annual Meeting
Parish Council
6 May 2021**

Open Forum: Mrs Frances Plummer reported that the footpath sign at Lings Farm had fallen down. This will be taken up with the Footpaths Officer. Mrs Plummer also asked when the benches and the roundabout on the Green would be painted. SKDC will notify us when the work will be undertaken but did not have a date. It was agreed that Mrs Plummer could organise the re-painting work.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Cllr Henriques was elected as Chair; there were no nominations for Vice-Chair.

Co-opted Councillor: Paul Smith was co-opted to join the Council

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment: All adopted.

Matters to Report:

The Clerk reported that the new website was now working and that he hoped residents would use the website as the first port of call to find out who and how to contact the various local services.

Cllr Henriques reported the discard of poo bags along footpaths and in various locations in the village. Action to counter this would be considered at the next meeting.

Planning Applications:

S21/0841 - Reduce height of ash trees at Park House, 2 Home Farm Lane, Witham On The Hill - no comment made.

S21/0012 - Erection of a single storey field shelter at Palace Farm Main Street, Witham On The Hill— approved.

Reactive road sign: Road Safety Partnership have approved 4 potential sites for the reactive sign and had refused one other. Cllr Henriques will inspect the sites with a view to purchasing the sign up to the value of £2,750.

Defibrillator: The defibrillator has been purchased. As the pads were not included, it would not yet be installed. The Clerk will contact WEL Medical.

Parish Council Meetings: Provisional dates for the 2021/2022 meetings are:

Annual Meeting - 14 June

Parish Council meetings - 12 July, 13 September, 8 November, 10 January and 7 March.

Annual Governance, Audit and Accounts: All accepted.

Expenditure:

£175.37 – Zurich Municipal (Insurance premium);

£100.00 – Mozzymak Pest Control (mole control on The Green and Churchyard);

£1378.80- WEL Medical Ltd (new defibrillator);

£0.85 – B M Champness (stamp);

£137.50 – D Thornburn (Internal Audit fee 2020/21);

£150.00 - GS Parkes (Audit fee for 2019/20);

£106.50- Mrs F Plummer (paint);

£40.00 - Lincs County Council (survey fee for speeding signs)

AOB: A Cllr reported that trees that are overgrowing a footpath, causing pedestrians to have to step into the road. In the first instance, the Clerk will contact the resident to request the overgrowth be cut back.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.00 p.m. at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill .



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1 tsp vanilla extract

1 egg (beaten)

3 bananas (mashed)

100g chocolate chips (white or milk are best)

190g self-raising flour

60ml milk

Sprinkle of demerara sugar (if liked)

Method:

1. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin. Melt butter, sugar and vanilla in a saucepan over a medium heat.
2. Remove from heat and add the mashed bananas, mix well.
3. Add egg, mix well.
4. Stir in the flour and the milk. Once combined, add the chocolate chips.
5. Pour into the prepared tin, sprinkle with a teaspoon of demerara sugar to give crunch topping, if liked.
6. Bake at 170⁰ C (150⁰ C fan, gas mark 3) for 45 minutes until a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool and enjoy.

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PARISH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2021

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6 th June Trinity 1	8.45am Parish Eucharist	3pm Eucharist & Confirmation with Bishop Norman	
13 th June Trinity 2	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong
20 th June Trinity 3	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong
27 th June Trinity 4	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong

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