

Council News



Happy New Year!

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year, we hope you had a lovely festive period and wish you all the best for 2024.

Warm Hub opening time changes

Please note that due to low use, the Saxilby Warm Hub, hosted in the Community Centre, will no longer be open on Thursdays.

However the Hub will still be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Have your Say, Greater Lincolnshire Devolution

Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council, and North East Lincolnshire Council have secured a Devolution deal with the government worth over £750 million.

To have your say on the proposals, visit: letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/devolution



Saxilby Footbridge is Back!

As was mentioned in last month's magazine, we were eagerly awaiting the return of the footbridge, following its full refurbishment over the last few months.

The bridge was finally returned to its rightful place at the waterfront on Tuesday, 28 November, following a final weather related delay.

Following years of lobbying, the bridge was removed in July, and has been shot blasted,

strengthened and re-painted and looks spectacular in the winter sun.

The bridge refurbishment forms a central part of the Saxilby Waterfront Regeneration project, a parish council priority project, following the area being placed on Historic England's 'at risk register'.

The parish council would like to thank West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) and their team for leading on and funding the bridge refurbishment project.

Following its reinstallation, the bridge was informally reopened by WLDC Chief Executive Ian Knowles on Tuesday, 12 December.

Parish council Chair Elizabeth Hillman said "It's great to have the footbridge back and looking in such good condition following its refurbishment.

The parish council have lobbied for this refurbishment for six years as part of the regeneration of Saxilby Waterfront, it's wonderful to see that work coming to fruition.

Thank you to WLDC for all their work on this project, their project team have been a pleasure to work with."

More work will be carried out by Lincolnshire County Council on the steps and ramps up to the bridge in the spring. Following this, the parish council will hold a full, formal reopening ceremony for the whole community to be involved in.



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Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Development Plan update



Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) was made in 2017.

With changes in legislation and the need for new policies to reflect the changing needs of the parish, it is time to update our NDP.

We have now received government funding of £7,500 to refresh our plan along with technical support for a new Housing Need Assessment and Design Codes (Character Assessment).

The community planning benefits which an NDP can bring to a parish area are wide-ranging.

The process allows local people to contribute to protecting cherished areas and shaping and influencing development in their parish. Importantly, neighbourhood plans are legal documents which form part of the development plan and influence planning application decisions.

Further benefits of neighbourhood plans include being able to:

- Allocate new housing sites including for affordable housing
- Identify development limit boundaries
- Preserve the character of the parish and its historic features
- Influence the appearance of new development by design codes
- Protect green spaces, important views, and community facilities
- Designate new open spaces
- Save trees, woodlands, and hedges
- Enhance wildlife areas

- Promote new footpaths, cycle routes, and green corridors
- Include design requirements for new buildings that mitigate against climate change.

If you would like to join the group and get involved, then please contact the council office for further information.

Gravestone Staking

If you visited the graveyard over the Christmas period and found that your loved one's gravestone is being supported by stakes, please get in contact with the office, so we can discuss this and the next steps with you personally.

Community Resilience

Throughout the final three months of 2023 we experienced some extreme weather events, including Storm Babet, Storm Pia, and snow.

We thought this would be a good opportunity to take a look at things you can do to help prepare for weather events such as storms.

The easiest thing to do, is to download the Met Office's weather app to your smart phone, you can then set up alerts direct to your phone for when weather warnings are issued.



These alerts and warnings will give you all the information you'll need to know about the weather that is incoming.

You can also check out the Met Office's five tips for staying safe in different types of weather, just search for 'Met Office five tips' on google and different weather related tips will pop up for you to look at.

In the event of flooding, you should focus on the safety of yourself and your family.

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Dial 999 or 112 if it is an emergency.

To report any type of flooding please contact: Lincolnshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on 01522 782082.

You can also report to the Flood and Water Team at: FloodRisk@lincolnshire.gov.uk (the email is monitored Monday–Friday during office hours) or report on www.fixmystreet.com

Are hedgehogs hibernating now?

Hibernation generally starts from anywhere from late Oct-Dec and is influenced by the outside temperature.



Due to the very warm weather in October, hibernation is likely to be delayed as a result. Please do your bit by ensuring they aren't dis-

turbed in your garden and have lots of natural food available (avoid chemicals and incorporate wild areas of your garden).

For more in-depth info on hedgehogs and hibernation - please visit the Hedgehog street website.

Buy Nothing New Month 2024

Buy Nothing New Month has returned for Jan.

The campaign is all about protecting the planet by reducing waste, but at a time when many are worried about the rising cost of living, it's also about saving money.

We want to encourage people to cherish the items they already have, repair things rather than throwing them away, and find ways to re-home items that are no longer needed.

Buy Nothing New Month is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of the need to reduce waste, while also promoting the fantastic work going on across the country.



West Lindsey Household Support

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD ENERGY OR FOOD COSTS?

- ARE YOU A PENSIONER OR IN WORK ON LOW INCOME, STRUGGLING WITH RISING BILLS, AND ARE NOT RECEIVING ANY BENEFITS OR COST OF LIVING SUPPORT?
- DO YOU LIVE IN WEST LINDSEY?

Lincolnshire Community Foundation will be distributing the Household Support Fund on behalf of the West Lindsey District Council, which means you may be eligible to apply for assistance.

PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE ON ANY GOVERNMENT BENEFITS EG UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Applications and further details can be found on our website www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk or by scanning the QR Code

For further details please contact the Lincolnshire Community Foundation Grants Team on 01529 305825, info@lincolnshirecf.co.uk

Closing date for applications is March 2024

Registered charity number 1196448



Councillor vacancies

As we head in to 2024, the parish council still has some vacancies available to be filled via the co-option process.

We welcomed four new councillors to the council in the final quarter of 2023, which was great to see, but the door is still open for more people to join the council and help make a difference to our local community in 2024.

If you're interested in becoming a parish councillor and would like more information on what's involved with the role, please go to the vacancies page on our website.

Council Business



Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held upstairs in the St Andrews Community Centre, William Street, LN1 2LP. They are usually on a Wednesday evening. Agendas are available on the parish noticeboard outside Saxilby Co-op and online at www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk.



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**YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!
MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

Visit <https://bit.ly/3yiXMQR> to find out more about being a parish councillor

Meetings 2024

Full Council: 7 Feb, 6 Mar

Planning and Finance Committees: 17 Jan, 21 Feb

Working Groups: See noticeboard or online for dates

Contacting the Parish Council

The parish office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 9.15am-3.15pm.

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Reporting Issues

**TIRED OF
POTHOLES
FLY-TIPPING
LOOSE PAVING
DOG POOP VANDALISM
BROKEN STREET LIGHTING?**

**REPORT THEM TO
THE COUNCIL WITH**
 FixMyStreet.com

West Lindsey District Council for:

Missed bin collection | Fly tipping | Planning

<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com>

01427 676676

Lincolnshire County Council for:

Street Lighting | Roads, footpaths inc. potholes | Tip
Household Waste Recycling

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

01522 552222

**Did you know you can also quickly and easily report
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www.FixMyStreet.com**