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## Annual Parish Meeting 2024

This year's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday, 22 May.

Electors were joined by representatives of community groups, Anglian Water, Lincolnshire County Council Highways, and district and county councillors.

Parish council chairman Cllr Liz Hillman gave the following report on the parish council's year.

## A report on council activities for 2023/24

I am delighted to share with you that for the first time in many years we have a full complement of councillors. We currently have 14 councillors, which is five more than this time last year and it is so encouraging that Saxilby has a skilled and diverse group of members working on behalf of residents.

We are an extremely busy council, representing the local community of over 4,400 parishioners, delivering services to meet local needs, improving quality of life and community wellbeing.

During the last year we have held 50 council meetings including Full Council, Finance, Planning, and Personnel Committee.

As part of its community engagement, the parish council sets aside time for public participation at full council and planning meetings.

There are also working groups, with residents and councillors working together to develop plans and report back to committees with recommendations. These include the MUGA Working Group, Saxilby Waterfront Working Group, and Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering (Working) Group.

## Finance

The parish council has achieved financial stability and has, for the first time in recent years, a small surplus to support agreed commitments.

Precept was agreed

increasing only in line with inflation, ensuring the lowest possible impact on our residents.

## Planning and Development Committee

The newly renamed Planning and Development committee has had another very busy year and commented on 46 planning applications.

There have also been two applications which were classed as 'major development', one for 10 homes and one for over 100. A public meeting held in January to gather residents' views was well attended.

**The committee also has been working hard to achieve speed reductions around the village. The limit has been reduced to 40mph at Ingleby, there is currently a consultation to extend the 40mph limit approaching the village on A57 from Lincoln and a request for a speed reduction on Skellingthorpe Road has been made.**

The Committee have also raised concerns to Highways about the condition of the road, foot-path and verges of Church Lane and Church Lane Hill. Safety at the 'Tree Junction' has been highlighted, and a request for a pedestrian crossing has been made for Church Road.

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL)

Saxilby benefits from a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which grants the village 25% of



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Community Infrastructure Levy payment from West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) which is obtained from developers. Our yearly report to WLDC on how the council spent Community Infrastructure Levy money for the year 2023/24 is now available on our website.

## Village Projects

The current Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan was made in 2017 and is now under review. Some of the planning policies need significant changes, and additional policies are required which means a full rerun of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

It is a formal process, following statutory procedures and will include a Regulation 14 consultation, submission, examination and a referendum. All residents are welcome at the public consultations, as your views are critical to the plan.

## Speedwatch

Residents frequently voice concerns about the speed of traffic throughout the village.

A community Speedwatch started 18 months ago but desperately needs more volunteers to ensure sustainability.

The scheduled training last month was unfortunately cancelled as only one person expressed an interest in attending. If anyone can spare some time to help this scheme to make Saxilby safer, please contact the council office.

## Community Centre and Library

Community centre room hire bookings continue to increase, with users enjoying a rich and diverse range of classes and activities. A recent new hire of the bar by the Saxilby Sports Hub to raise money for village sports whilst embracing community spirit has been a welcome addition.

Working with the Saxilby with Ingleby Good

Neighbour Scheme (SIGNS) we have supported the 'Warm Welcome' initiative which continues throughout the year which provides friendship and support for anyone who feels isolated or wants to get out their house for a coffee and a chat.

The library is still a vital resource for our residents with 149 new members this year, making a total membership of 1,603 with 7,814 books issued.

The library is only able to operate with the dedication and time given by volunteers and the council thanks them for their work.

## Saxilby Recreation Ground Charity

Following receiving the annual rental value of the community centre of £18,850, an extraordinary council meeting was held in March to agree the next steps in the process for leasing the community centre.

It is one of the Parish Council's biggest considerations in terms of finance and like many buildings of its age, it requires improvement and ongoing maintenance.

The community centre has annual costs of around £50,000 and totalled with a potential rental cost of £18,850, this would mean the allocation of the precept on the community centre would rise from approximately 13% to 21%.

At the meeting the council agreed to:

- Obtain legal advice

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- Meet with the charity for on-going discussions and negotiations
- Commission a professional condition survey of the centre
- Instruct an independent feasibility study into leasing the community centre
- Seek consultation with the community.

These steps are currently being progressed.

The parish council as custodian trustees no longer manage the recreational field and car park.

This is now the responsibility of the charity who are the managing trustees.

## Sports

Sports in the village continue to flourish with football teams for more and more age groups, a tennis club with a focused development plan and the bowls club (with a new fence) which is becoming even more popular.

Cricket is now well established for men and women with frequent matches. It is wonderful to see how busy the recreation ground is now with the all the sports clubs using the facilities. This is due to the hard work and efforts of their members.

Fishing is popular along the Fosdyke canal and at the waterfront festival over 50 adults and children were shown how to fish by expert anglers.

The cycle track connection from Saxilby to Lincoln is finally being completed after years of lobbying by our parish clerk. This will be a safer route for walkers and cyclists to use and we look forward to the official opening soon.

## Village Improvements

We continue to make public realm improvements using local businesses and talent. The new bespoke bus shelter on Queensway was designed by our local sculptor James Sutton. There is also a new bench ready to replace the wooden one on Queensway with two more benches being ordered for the top towpath. With funding from WLDC Retail Grant there will be a new bench and bin outside Barnard's Garage at the north end of the village.

## Artwork

We were fortunate to receive a grant from WLDC to cover the cost of a new artwork which will be a 'shoal of fish' designed, by James Sutton. This will be an intergenerational project with children and adults taking part.

## £137 Monies

The Parish Council has a scheme to award grants to support not-for-profit groups which benefit the local community. Grants were made during the year to support a wide variety of groups including the football team, SIGNS, Saxilby Mystery Group, Saxilby WI and Saxilby Cricket Club.

## Events

The Waterfront Festival attracted approximately 3,000 people in September. The 1940s event and the Christmas Lights switch on were also a great success. Thank you to the volunteers who arranged these events for residents to enjoy.

During the last year we said goodbye to Cllr Peter Hewes and Cllr Elaine Meanwell. We have welcomed on board Cllrs Paul Roberts, Salim Hadjoudj, Shelia Hughes, Craig Barratt, Carla Saunders, Emma Bowden and Paul Bridge.

I would like to express the council and resident's thanks and gratitude to our Parish Clerk Lydia, Assistant Parish Clerk Zarina and Administrative Officer Laura who work extremely hard and provide guidance to all of us.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mia, Steve, and Reg who are our caretakers at the Community Centre and to Paul, Rob and Steve who are the village grounds team.

I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors, District Councillor Paul Lee, District and County Councillor Jackie Brockway, the many organisations and volunteers who have supported our community.

# Council Info.



## 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](http://www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

### Meetings 2024

**Full Council:** 3 July

**Planning and Finance Committees:** 19 June, 17 July

**Working Groups:** See noticeboard or online for dates

## Contact Us

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