

Council News



Meeting Held to Agree Next Steps to Lease the Community Centre

There has been much speculation regarding the recent extra-ordinary council meeting held in March.

The meeting was called to agree the next steps in the process for leasing the community centre and was triggered followed receipt of the lease valuation from the charity. It was not to make a decision on the lease of the community centre.

Lease Valuation

Having a valuation is a critical step. Without this a lease can not be progressed. After a wait of over a year, the independent valuer came back with an annual rental valuation of £18,850.

The community centre has annual costs approaching £50,000 (2023/24). With a potential further annual cost of £18,850, this would mean the use of the precept on the community centre would rise from around 13% to over a fifth (21%).

It is important the council therefore considers the lease carefully as new information is received and consults with residents during this process to understand their views and priorities.

At the meeting council agreed a number of actions including to:

- Obtain legal advice
- Meet with the charity for on-going discussions and negotiations
- Commission a professional condition survey of the community centre
- Instruct a consultant to undertake feasibility study into leasing the community centre, including community consultation

The council will then use all of this information, including from community consultation to make a final decision. The current position remains as per a previous council decision which is to lease the community centre, whilst encouraging and promoting its use in the meantime.

Leasing an asset from a charity to a custodian trustee ('a connected party') is a complicated process, where both charity and council law need to be met. This creates real challenges that need to be worked through to achieve a lease. NALC aptly capture this conflict:

Council officers and employees have a duty to ensure that they act in the best interests of tax payers and trustees have a duty to act in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries.

These duties can, and frequently do, conflict. A conflict can arise in a number of situations and a classic example is the sale or lease of land by one body to the other.

For example, trustees leasing or selling land to a council are under a duty to obtain the best price or rent. At the same time, council officers or employees are under a duty to ensure that tax payers' money is spent prudently. Another example is where contracts are agreed by one body to the other. Clearly, it is extremely difficult to comply with both duties at the same time.

NALC (2022) LTN 28 Basic Charity Law.

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Community Centre Usage

It's been great to see the increased usage for events, classes, and one-off hires.

Events held in the last month included the football club's fantastic Dutch Exchange over Easter weekend and the cricket club's fundraising quiz night.

A number of birthday parties have been held.

There are many regular hirers including:

Tai Chi	Mon 10:00
Karate	Mon 17:30
Pilates	Mon 17:00 and Wed 17:00
Saxilby Baby & Toddler Group	Tue 09:10
One Accord	Tue 10.00
Tai Chi	Wed 10.00
Rejuvenate	Thu 09:30
Jack in the Box	Thu 11:00
St Andrews Indoor Bowls	Fri 13:30

Saxilby Library is open from 10.30am on Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri (see website for more info).

Warm Spaces is on 10.30-12.30 Wed and Fri.

To find out more details about any of the groups using the centre and how to get involved, or for information about hiring a room in the centre for a regular hire or one off event, please contact the us.



NDP update

Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group is making progress in reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan.

The first draft of the Design Code has been reviewed and comments sent to the Design Code Team.

The design guide is produced by AECOM, an organisation, who specialise in providing independent reports, and whose team visited the parish, and took numerous photographs of the area.

This is an important document as the design guidance provides a framework for creating high quality buildings and places, on new developments in the future.

An updated Housing Needs Assessment, which was last produced back in 2015, has also been independently produced to help identify what types of homes Saxilby will need in the future.

These documents will help influence these sites to make sure they are developed in a way that will benefit the community.

Saxilby with Ingleby parish has been designated an additional 151 new homes in the Central Lincolnshire Plan. The field off Sykes Lane/ Church Lane and the former grit factory site on Church Lane have been allocated in their plan.

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SAXILBY
WATERFRONT

The group are planning further public consultation events over the next few months and information about these events will be published in due course.

If you are interested in joining the group which meets once a month for two hours, please contact the parish office.

Grass Cutting around the village

Our grounds team have started the grass cutting season, mowing verges around the village on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council (LCC). We're working hard to get around the village as quickly as possible.

Alongside verges, the parish council also has responsibility for greenspaces such as Westcroft Green, the green on Daubeney Avenue, Mill Lane sports field, the open burial ground and the football pitches on the recreation ground until the end of this season.

The grounds team empty the litter and dog poo bins around the village twice weekly, alongside a number of other regular tasks.

Footpaths are the responsibility of LCC Highways and are maintained by them. Any issues with footpaths should be reported via www.FixMyStreet.com

Events 2024

Events at the waterfront will have a different feel in 2024. Instead of holding one big event, like the Waterfront Festival, the Waterfront Working Group has decided to organise a number of smaller, more manageable, events throughout the year.

Our first event will be to celebrate the:

Opening of the newly refurbished footbridge.

This event will take place on Thursday, 25 April 2024 at 6pm. Invites will be sent to residents living in the waterfront area.

In **July** there will be a **fishing event** held and run by the Lincoln & District Angling association, date TBC.

And in September it's planned to hold a **music**

event, with details to be announced soon. If you would like to be involved, please contact us.

Waterfront Artwork!

We are delighted to announce an exciting phase of the Waterfront Regeneration Project. We're working with renowned local sculptor James Sutton following his successful involvement with the Queensway Bus Shelter and the Waterfront Memory Branch. The project will install artwork on the wall of the steps and ramp to the footbridge.

We're grateful to have received funding from West Lindsey District Council to support the installation which will be a stainless steel shoal of fish.



This will be an intergenerational project, bringing generations of Saxilby and Ingleby residents together to design the fish. Designs will then be transcribed onto stainless steel and placed in a shoal on the footbridge wall.

There will also be an opportunity for anyone such as families, individuals, or organisations, to design a fish at a cost of £45. More details will be

shared in the May edition. Please contact us to register an interest.

Waterfront Volunteer Days

Waterfront volunteer days are back for summer!

These will take place on the first Saturday of the month, 9.30am—12.00pm. All are and there is always something different to do.

Refreshments are provided.

Please note all under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

Meetings 2024

Full Council: 1 May

Planning and Finance Committees: 17 Apr

Working Groups: See noticeboard or online for dates

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