

Council News



Solar panel position statement

Following some amendments after feedback from members of the public, the council's position statement was approved at March's Planning Committee meeting.

The position statement has now been submitted to the planning inspectorate and will play a role in shaping the final decision on the proposed solar development to the north of the village.

The council's position statement can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3IRU2hx>.

Voter ID requirement

A reminder that from 4 May 2023, voters voting in UK elections will require photo ID to vote.

If you don't have photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Please visit the Electoral Commission website for more information on these changes.

Community Speed Watch Scheme update

After a number of complaints being expressed about the speed of vehicles travelling on some routes through the Village, the Parish Council has teamed up with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP), who coordinate Community Speed Watch schemes, which allow trained

volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities.

A group of volunteers came forward and have now been trained to operate the new scheme. This involves the use of a radar speed gun to measure the speed of vehicles travelling along some of our roads. The radar guns only measure the speed of vehicles, and they do not keep data or images, nor are they connected to police systems.

However, where a vehicle is found to be speeding, the details will be passed to the LRSP, who will then liaise with the Police, who will issue an advisory letter to the registered keeper of the vehicle. The letter does not represent legal action but points out the dangers of excessive speed around the village. A subsequent, more strongly worded letter can be issued if the same vehicle is found speeding again. If there is a third occasion, the letter will be hand delivered by a police officer, who will speak to the registered keeper.

All equipment required to run the Speed Watch scheme has now been delivered to the Parish Council, including speed limit reminder signs for lampposts, and the volun-

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teers will shortly be starting the exercise, on different days, and at different times.

The scheme is not about enforcement, but rather educating drivers. Experience from other villages has shown that the possible presence of a speed gun is sufficient to make drivers more conscious of their speed.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have come forward to be involved with the scheme.



Neighbourhood Development Plan update

Following an initial review, it has been concluded that most of the policies in the current Neighbourhood Development Plan (2017) require significant changes, which means a full re-run of the Neighbourhood Plan process is required.

This process will include a Regulation 14 consultation, submission, examination and finally a referendum on the new plan.

The initial phase in reassessing the plan is a

technical review, looking at which policies need amending from a legislative point and to identify any gaps.

As the update is a formal statutory process, there are several factors to consider such as: Effectiveness, national legislation and policy, local policy, local circumstances and evidence and local opinion.

The Parish Council was successful with its application for £9500 toward the NDP project, which needed to be used by the end of March. The funding enables technical support, a housing need assessment, maps, and a new character assessment of the village. The Parish Council has commissioned a planner to support the review of the plan.

Three meetings have taken place so far, with residents and councillors both young and old making up the steering group. Discussions have taken place regarding future development, infrastructure, climate change and biodiversity and how our village can be shaped towards a greener future. If you would like to find out more on how you can be involved, please contact the parish council office.

Saxilby Waterfront



Saxilby Waterfront Festival 2023: New date announced Sunday, 24 September 2023

As mentioned in January's Foss Focus, the footbridge over the canal is due to be removed and taken off site for refurbishment and repainting in the Spring. It is now anticipated that this work will not be completed before the original date of this year's Waterfront Festival (Sunday, 4 July).

The footbridge is central to the festival as it allows access to the southern bank of the canal, which is where the entertainment elements of the festival are situated.

Following discussions with the Lincolnshire Event Safety Partnership, it has been agreed that it would not be safe or practical to run the festival without access to the southern bank of the canal.

Following these discussions, the decision has been taken to postpone this year's festival until Sunday, 24 September when the footbridge should be back and able to be used by all. This will also mean we can celebrate the refurbishment of the footbridge at the festival too.

We would like to thank all our festival sponsors, who have all agreed to roll their sponsorship over to the new date.

This year's lead sponsors are: Cliff Bradley and Sons Funeral Directors and Screwfix

Secondary sponsors for this year's festival are: Lindum, Calcul8 Limited, Steve Gaunt Tailer Hire and Sales, TFM Country Stores and TFM Hire .

New tree seat for the waterfront

A new tree seat has been installed on the corner of Queensway and Bridge Street. This new bench is part of the ongoing regeneration of the Bridge Street Conservation Area, which is a priority project in the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Development Plan and is in line with the master plan for the area.



The seat was funded by a donation from a local family in memory of a relative and we thank them for their kind donation. The Saxilby Waterfront Regeneration Project is funded wholly by grants and donations, if you would like to contribute and be part of the project please contact the office.

Council Business



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COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!
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BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings held at the community centre, usually on a Wednesday evening. Agendas are available on the parish noticeboard at Saxilby Co-op and online at www.saxilbyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Full Council: See noticeboard or online for dates

Planning and Finance Committees: 19 April

Personnel Committee: See noticeboard or online for dates

Working Groups: See noticeboard or online for dates

**LIBRARY
VOLUNTEERS
REQUIRED**

If you'd like to volunteer to work in the library for a few hours a week, please contact the office on: 01522 703912, or pop into the library during opening hours.



Contacting the Parish Council

By Phone: 01522 703912 (office)

The parish office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 9.15am-3.15pm. You may wish to contact the office first, to confirm an appointment.

By e-mail/Teams: clerk@saxilbyparishcouncil.co.uk | admin@saxilbyparishcouncil.co.uk

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<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com> or 01427 676676

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www.lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 552222