

Council News



Elections 2023 update

Following the end of the period for nominated persons to sign their acceptance of office, we're pleased to share the council has a total of nine councillors, meaning there are five vacant seats on the council.

These seats can be filled via co-option. If you would like to know more about becoming a parish councillor and what it involves, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3yiXMQR>

Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Annual Parish Meeting at the Community Centre, which is annual (statutory) meeting of

Electors (not a parish council meeting!)

Around 45 members of the public attended and heard updates from local groups, organisations and the parish council.

An engaging and lively discussion was held on issues raised by local residents including traffic around the village and sewerage tankers on West Bank.

Thank you to everyone who attended.



Parish council report to the annual parish meeting

In the following section you can read a summary of the report given to this year's Annual Parish Meeting by council chair

Elizabeth Hillman:

Parish Council elections took place in May 2023. This year was an uncontested election with nine councillors standing, leaving five vacancies. The council would very much welcome residents, both old and new, to join us on the council. It is a hugely rewarding role and you can make a difference to your community.

Saxilby is a very busy council and over the last year has held 36 council meetings including Full Council, Finance, Planning, Personnel Committee and Emergency Planning.

There are several working groups in the village, with residents and councillors working together.

These include the Multi-Use Games Area Working Group, Saxilby Waterfront Working Group, the Waterfront Festival Task and Finish Group and the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group.

The aim of each project is that it is not a quick fix, but is completed to a standard that the village deserves.

The council has been dedicated to change and improvements in the village, and these are being achieved with the support of residents who are participating in the various groups. This commitment from parishioners also helps the council achieve one of its main objectives: community engagement.

Finance

The parish council agreed there would not be an annual increase in the Parish Precept for the

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year 2023/24. The council recognise it is a difficult time for many residents with the increase in the cost of living, with contributions from the new houses helping to cover inflation related increases for the council. The council also has funds ring fenced for various projects from grants and s106 (developer) monies.

Planning Committee

The planning committee had a very busy year and commented on 43 planning applications.

Following a public meeting to gain residents' views, a statement has been submitted to the planning inspectorate regarding the proposed West Burton Solar Farm.

The council aims to make Saxilby a hedgehog friendly parish. Hedgehogs who frequently visit Saxilby gardens are now classified as being vulnerable to extinction. The council has seen an opportunity at planning committee level, to



request hedgehog highways in all new developments.

It would be great to get parishioners of all ages

involved to help form a garden network of places for them to find food, shelter, and even other prickly pals!

Look out over the coming months for more details of how Saxilby can become a hedgehog friendly zone, leading the way to improve this vital species' recovery.

Community Infrastructure Levy Charge

Our yearly report to WLDC on how the council spent CIL money for the year 2022/23 will soon be available on the website.

Projects:

Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Plan Review

The review of the NDP has made good progress. Some policies need significant changes, and additional policies are needed which means a full re-run of the Neighbourhood Plan process is required.

This is a formal process and will include a statutory Regulation 14 consultation, submission, examination and a referendum.



Speed watch

For many years there has been concerns about traffic speeding through the village, and a community speed watch scheme has now been setup. It does, however, need more volunteers to make a difference, if anyone would like to get involved, please get in touch.

The MUGA and Saxilby Waterfront projects continue with significant progress being expected on the projects this year.

Community Centre

Community centre room hire bookings have increased, reflecting the demand for rooms to hire in the village.

Working with Saxilby and Ingleby Good Neighbour Scheme we supported the Warm Welcome Scheme during the winter months, in response to the rising cost of fuel and energy

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bills and this is now continuing to run through the summer with a focus on reducing isolation.

Saxilby Recreational Ground Charity

Last year the charity raised concerns regarding the ownership of the memorial field and community centre.



For many years various councillors have tried to 'unpick' and make sense of the indenture of 1920.

The council thanks the charity for finally achieving this and both groups are working closely together to try and resolve some of the issues.

There have been several meetings between councillors and trustees working towards a project plan which can be viewed on the council website.

At the moment we are waiting for the lease recommendations and changes to the title register which has been lodged with the Land Registry.

Until the legal aspects are brought in-line with current requirements the council, working with the charity, is unable to facilitate the re-opening of the bar under a sub-lease type arrangement.

S137 Grants Scheme

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 SIGNS, Saxilby Cycle Club, VCS, WLDC Citizens Advice Bureau, Saxilby Hornets, and the Bowls Club. We are also supporting the 1940s event in June.

Village improvements

Two bus shelters have been replaced this year, and another bus shelter is on order for Queensway.

Saxilby Mystery Group and the Monday Club raised money for the Queens Jubilee bench which looks fantastic outside Oaklands. New benches and seating along

Saxilby Waterfront as part of the regeneration of the conservation area has also enhanced the street scene.

During the last council year, we said goodbye to Elaine Atkin, our Parish Clerk, Cllrs Mann, Harper, Saunders and Cotton and we thank them all for their time and contributions to the council.

We welcomed Lydia Hopton as our new full time Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, and Zarina Belk as Assistant Clerk. We also have two caretakers who look after the community centre and three ground staff who work hard to keep the village looking smart.

We would like to express our thanks to all the staff who work extremely hard for the benefit of the community and to support the council.

Sports

Sports in the village continue to flourish with football teams for a variety of age groups, a tennis club which is fast becoming a centre of excellence and a popular bowls club. Cricket is back in the village which has delighted many residents. Thanks go to all involved who give up their time to encourage all to take up a sport.



Council Business



**CALLING ALL
COMMUNITY HEROES**

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



**YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!
MAKE A CHANGE
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: 5 July

Planning and Finance Committees: 21 June, 19 July

Personnel Committee: See noticeboard or online for dates

Working Groups: See noticeboard or online for dates

APPRENTICE ADMINISTRATOR - SAXILBY WITH INGLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

An exciting opportunity has become available at Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council, where you can join their friendly office as an Apprentice Administrator. Our apprentice will provide administrative support and be able to deliver high quality services and facilities to local residents.

Visit bit.ly/45zdmJo to find out more about our new apprentice administrator role

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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Twitter: @SaxilbyCouncil

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Reporting Issues

West Lindsey District Council: Missed bin collection | Fly tipping | Planning

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

Lincolnshire County Council: Street Lighting | Roads, footpaths inc. potholes | Tip

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 552222