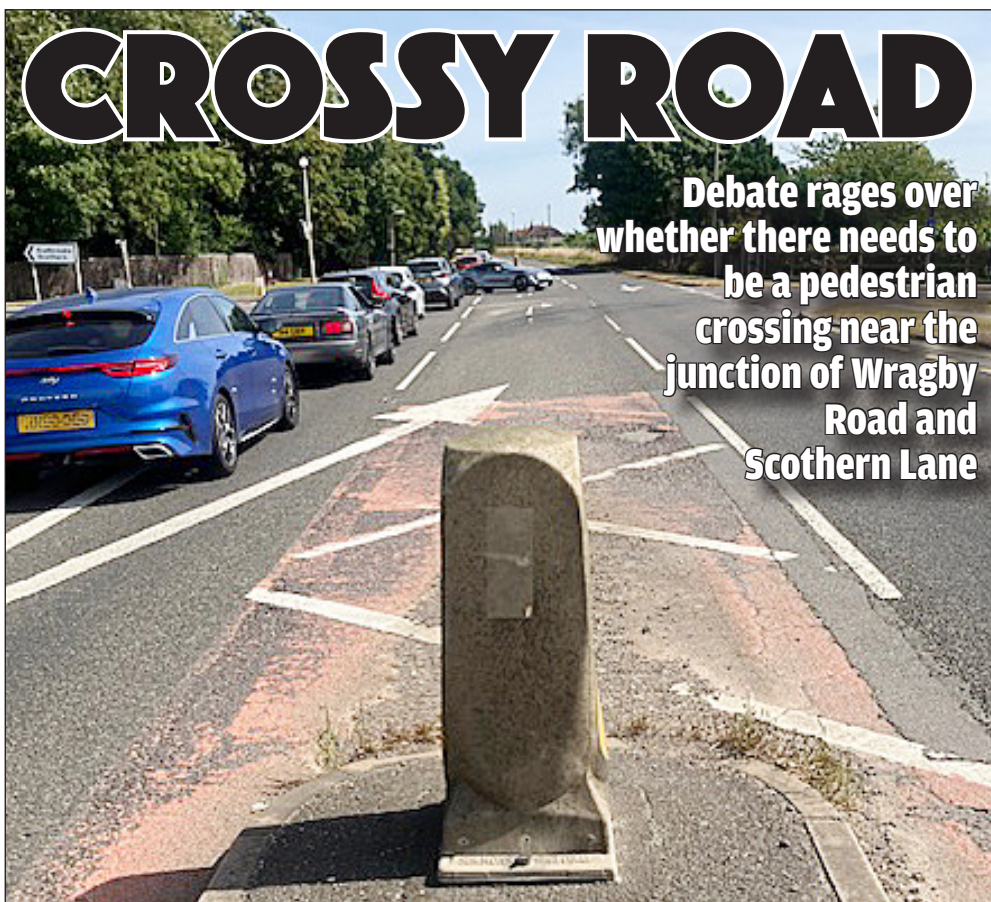


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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

One of our distributors will have delivered his final batch of **Sudbrooke News** magazines by the time you read this, so we bid a fond farewell to Derek Grantham, who has been our Windsor Close 'paper boy' for the last 15 years.

Derek, who has lived in the village for 43 years, after moving here from Sheffield, turns 90 this month and we think he's earned a well-deserved retirement after shoving thousands of copies of the mag through many a letterbox, in all weathers. Happy Birthday Derek and thanks for all your

dedicated service over the past few years. If there any willing volunteers out there who'd like to help out with distributing the magazine (it's only every two months), then please get in touch with Sandra Clayton (details below), who manages our distribution team.

We'll find a route for anyone who fancies doing their bit.

Lots in this edition, from the Wragby Road debate to the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation and Christmas Tree Switch-On and much more. Walkin. Dom

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SUDBROOKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that Sudbrooke Parish Council is formally consulting on the amendments to the Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan and its associated documents.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been subject to a review over the past few months so that it is up to date with the recently adopted review of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

The Local Plan has altered policies around housing development and the environment, so the review of the Neighbourhood Plan is only focussing on updating on these policies.

Once completed, the Neighbourhood Plan review will replace the existing Neighbourhood Plan for Sudbrooke and will be used to help determine future planning applications in the area by the Parish Council and West Lindsey District Council (WLDC). It is likely that another referendum will need to be held with the community next year.

It is really important that we receive your comments on these draft amendments so that the Parish Council can make sure it accurately reflects the communities' views.

The consultation period starts on the October 7, 2024 and closes on the November 17, 2024.

To inspect the plan and its supporting documents please go to:

Sudbrooke Parish Council website at: sudbrooke.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/
WLDC's website at: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

Alternatively, you can come and view the documents in person at the following (with free tea, coffee and biscuits) event in the Village Hall on:

Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 7pm

All comments are welcome and you can send them to: sudbrookeparish-council@gmail.com (please title any comments as 'Neighbourhood Planning').





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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUSBROOKE PC HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JULY IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Tracey Bowman (Chair), Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Pauline Loven, Bhikhu Mistry, Cathryn Nicoll, County Councillor Sue Rawlins, District Councilor Baptiste Velan, Clerk Christine Myers, Treasurer Bridget Solly, 12 residents

1 ■ PARISHIONERS ITEMS

- ▶ A resident had mentioned that he thought the map board on Scothern Lane had been re-sited too high. Members agreed no action to be taken
- ▶ Request for an additional dog bin on St Edward's Drive. Cllr Simon Crampton to check for a suitable location.
- ▶ The shrubs had been cut back near to the old tennis court, but ivy remained. Cllr Paul Fido to take a look at this.
- ▶ A resident had asked if the area around the Park Gates could be tidied up. The resident had also suggested that as the gates were Listed and an asset to the parish that an appropriate sign depicting 'Private Road' be purchased to supersede all the home-made ones. Discussion took place regarding this, but it was felt that the cost may be too high during this financial year. Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman offered to arrange a tidy up of the area between members.
- ▶ A resident had pointed out that the footpath behind the shop and land to the rear of a property on Maple Drive was overgrown. It was noted that the footpath had now been cut. Members agreed that the land to the rear of the property on Maple Drive could be brought into next years shrub cutting contract.
- ▶ A resident had reported that cones and notices indicating 'No parking' had been placed on the road on Park Close – the resident had been advised to report this on Fix My Street.

- ▶ Attention had been drawn to what appeared to be a resident claiming some highway land on Wragby Road – this to be reported on Fix My Street.
- ▶ Comments received from a resident about the Northfield Park play area being a mess, with nothing exciting to climb on or explore. Members pointed out the cost of play equipment but noted that this equipment is visually checked weekly, has a technical inspection monthly and an annual RoSPA inspection and any works recommended by the Play Equipment Inspector are carried out.
- ▶ Cllr Mrs Tracey Bowman and the Clerk offered to fix cable ties to the top swing pole to deter birds sitting on it.

2 ■ CO-OPTION TO VACANCY OF PARISH COUNCILLOR AND SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- ▶ Councillors Mrs Tracey Bowman, Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Bhikhu Mistry. That the reasons given be accepted unanimously Resolved.

3 ■ TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

- ▶ Cllrs Peter Heath and Mrs Sandra Clayton had sent apologies. That apologies be accepted proposed by Cllr Tracey Bowman, seconded by Cllr Simon Crampton

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5 ■ TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- ▶ None declared.

6 ■ COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- ▶ CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported that a big issue for LCC was renewable energy and the County Council had received five applications for solar panel sites.
- ▶ That the audit of the County Council finances was in hand and the accounts would be published.
- ▶ That it would be County Council elections next year and many senior members would be retiring.

7 ■ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

- ▶ DC Baptiste Velan was awaiting a response from the government regarding the Scampton scheme for immigrants.
- ▶ That he had met residents of the Northfield Park/Broad Dale Close Gardening Group regarding consideration of their grant application.
- ▶ A resident in the village who had experienced garden flooding had been visited by LCC representatives.

8 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

- ▶ A) Section 106 Agreement, Church Lane – Nothing further to report on this – CC Sue Rawlins asked for copies of previous emails regarding this matter.
- ▶ B) Resurfacing of footway on Wragby Road – CC Sue Rawlins said she was

chasing this matter up with LCC Highways.

- ▶ C) Resurfacing of footway on Scothern Lane and St Edward's Drive – CC Sue Rawlins said she was chasing this matter up with LCC Highways.

▶ D) Millennium Stone lighting – quotation received for raising lights – However, there would still be a problem with drainage around the stone and standing water, the surrounding area having been raised after footpaths works in 2023. Councillor Simon Crampton agreed to look into a drainage scheme for that area and report back to a future Parish Council meeting.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 8.20pm to allow questions from residents regarding how the funds for the lights were allocated. The Treasurer responded to the questions and Standing Orders resumed at 8.25pm.

- ▶ E) Church Lane near to Two Corners – provision of passing place – CC Sue Rawlins would pursue this.

▶ F) To receive report of meeting with Project Manager, Parklands Development – Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman...

• Building update – The strategy for building had been changed and more money has been injected so that phases 1 and 2 will be completely finished by the autumn even if not enough houses have been sold. It is also planned to ensure the roads are finished off in both phases with block paving. The developers are also in the process of installing 'wildlife friendly' curb stones at great expense. They've started this and have a little indentation so that the newts can cross the road and climb to safety. Phase 3 will be shelved for the time being. It's probable that it will be changed and

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8 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

planning resubmitted depending on the market. In the meantime when phase 1 and 2 are completed they will lock up and contractors will move off site. The pub is being looked at as a community pub, but this will not be until phase 3 is built.

- Bollard – planning permission has been applied for to adopt part of the road so they can install a bollard, but adjustments are required. If permission is granted the next step will be obtaining residents agreement.

- Speed humps – LCC Highways will eventually adopt the road and it will be their decision whether speed humps should be installed.

- Dispute with the woods management company – There are complaints from residents about the management company and the Project Manager has supported the communication problem.

- Map update - A map of the current development (phases 1 and 2) could be supplied but the Project Manager felt it may be better to wait until phase 3 has been sorted.

► G) Area of land Northfield Avenue/ Broad Dale Close – The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 8.29pm to allow residents to speak.

i. Update on work carried out to date – A member of the Gardening Group reported that all shrubbery had been stripped by the Group and disposed of in a skip provided by a resident. A suggestion of placing a TPO on a tree thought to be an American Red Oak was suggested.

The Parish Council had no objections to this and the Clerk would make enquiries with the Trees Officer, WLDC.

ii. To receive quotation for the removal of tree roots and cutting back of trees – it was noted that the trees had been cut back by the Group and only tree root removal was required. Quotation for tree roots removal had been received in the sum of £90.00. This sum was agreed by the Parish Council, but work could not be carried out until the grant from the District Councillor's Community Fund was approved.

iii. To consider Risk Assessment – The circulated Risk Assessment was discussed, proposed that it be adopted by Cllr Paul Fido, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pauline Loven and Resolved.

Standing Orders resumed at 8.51pm.

► H) Drain to rear of Wragby Road/Fox Covert - update from Cllr Mrs Pauline Loven re proposed summer clear out – Report as follows:-

‘Many residents on the Wragby Road and Fox Covert who share a boundary marked by the ditch were concerned that it remained over full of water for months last winter, something that had not been witnessed before, and there were concerns about flooding and the risk of trees falling due to waterlogged ground.

With the help from the Clerk of the Parish Council, we were able to establish the ditch is outside the area managed by Witham Third Drainage Board and is under riparian ownership, which, in the case of this ditch, means it is owned by householders on the Wragby Road. Fox Covert boundaries are marked by their garden fences which stand on the bank. However, the ownership of the woods doesn't exactly match the house plots on the Wragby Road.

Maps old and new as well as Google Earth images and LIDAR maps have been searched to try and understand

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8 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

the nature of the ditch. It is hard to pinpoint when it was put in, but it does seem to pre-date the building of Fox Covert housing. Prior to the building of Fox Covert, the area was a pasture, and before that the field housed a chicken farm and buildings accessed by a track from Main Drive which is now the 'jitty' footpath into Fox Covert.

The drain has, with permission from residents on Wragby Road, been walked to see if there were any obvious problems. One owner was reluctant to offer access, but was happy to check the condition themselves; otherwise everyone was very helpful and accommodating.

A resident on Main Drive has provided some useful information. Nettleham beck runs through his land, making an abrupt turn before heading under the (1907) bridge on Main Drive and away towards Langworth eventually draining into Barlings Eau. Rainwater drainage from Fox Covert discharges into the beck on his land. It was pointed out that there is another drain pipe that was put in to service the chicken farm (now Fox Covert). It may be that the drain was also put in around the same time to collect water and divert it away from the chicken farm, and it may be that the drain pipe into the beck originated in the ditch. It is also still functioning.

The direction of the drain has been determined by putting a stick into it and measuring the trajectory. On walking the drain we looked at the area that the direction of the drain pipe pointed to.

The bench mark in the Lodge wall on Wragby Road is 16.5m above sea level and the bed of the beck at the bridge is 8.8m, that is roughly an 8m fall from the

road to the beck, with the drain being about two thirds of the way down. The drain seems to be a catchwater for the run off from the Wragby Road above, holding the water so that it can percolate through the limestone bedrock and join the beck water. Historically, this has been largely effective, and indeed the ditch is normally dry for most of the summer months, and the gardens and houses protected from flooding in the winter. The drain also provides a breeding habitat for frogs and toads and is an important part of the Old Fox Covert woodland wildlife corridor.

However, the changes in weather patterns and the frequency of severe storms are testing water management systems. In October last year, Storm Babet hit the UK. It was an intense extratropical cyclone which affected large parts of northern and western Europe and caused widespread flooding. This was followed by a very wet winter and the high ground water levels resulted in saturated ground in many places.

Conclusion

► There is no evidence of a pipe from the drain leading to the beck. The drain appears to be as it is on the map, closed at both ends, and acts like a soakaway.

It is also in pretty good condition, though a little degraded in parts and shallow at the eastern end. The dumping of garden waste is also fairly insignificant in comparison to the natural deposition of twigs and leaves, but there are no big blockages. It would benefit from a tidy and most households are willing to do that. It was clear from the bowl left by the roots of a fallen tree some metres from the ditch, that was full of water, that the problem is the high ground water levels and that the water is struggling to drain away.

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8 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

In the long term, the drain would benefit from a storm overflow system. It may even be possible to find the end of the pipe which drains into the beck, which seems likely now to have terminated in the yard of the chicken farm, not the drain, and connect an overflow drain to that – though it is uncertain where in Fox Covert it is.

A simpler option would be to improve the water holding capacity of the drain. This would take a professional to see what could be done. Also, taking any action, however small, would be costly, and the drain is on land which is in private, not public, ownership.

From May (2024) with the warmer dry weather, the drain water began to drop. Once the trees and plants were in full leaf they were actively drawing water from the land.

We hope that the risk of flooding is over, at least for the summer, but the risk remains and it is hard to say if the drain is resilient enough to cope with future severe weather events.

An annual summer clearing of the ditch when it is dry, which I know is already undertaken by some owners, would probably help too.'

Councillor Mrs Pauline Loven was thanked for producing this report. That all households on Wragby Road and Fox Covert whose properties were on the boundary of the drain be supplied with a copy of the report.

Unanimously Resolved. It was noted that residents were independently organising a summer clear out of the drain and Councillor Mrs Pauline Loven was co-ordinating.

9 ■ PLAY EQUIPMENT AT VILLAGE HALL AND NORTHFIELD PARK SITES – TO CONSIDER FURTHER QUOTATIONS FOR WORKS REQUIRED

► The Play Equipment Inspector had reported that he was awaiting costs from Wicksteed for some prices of parts but had submitted a quotation for the replacement of the loose posts and rotting timbers on the tower at the Village hall site in the sum of £340.00.

Painting of rusty spring on equipment at Northfield Park - £80.00.

That the above prices be accepted unanimously Resolved.

It was also noted that cable ties need replacing on the swing poles on Northfield Park to prevent birds perching on them. Cllr Mrs Tracey Bowman and the Clerk would fit these.

10 ■ TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM HIRER OF VILLAGE HALL TO ALLOW CAMPER VANS TO PARK ON THE CAR PARK OVERNIGHT

► That this request be granted on condition that no litter be left, no liquids discharged into the drains or grounds and that the hall would be locked at midnight and therefore be unavailable for facilities – Unanimously Resolved.

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11 ■ TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY BECOMING INVOLVED WITH THE EAST MERCIA RIVER TRUST PROJECT 'BRINGING THE LIMESTONE BECKS BACK TO LIFE'

► The Parish Council had been invited to become involved with this project which aimed to improve and prevent the deterioration of Limestone Beck across Lincolnshire, the beck in Sudbrooke being identified as a priority.

That the Parish Council be involved with this project and Councillor Mrs Pauline Loven be the co-ordinator unanimously Resolved.

12 ■ FINANCE

► Accounts to be paid...

Mrs C Myers – purchase of hi-viz vests
..... Net £22.00, VAT £4.40, Gross £26.40

AKO Groundworks Ltd – siting of repaired noticeboards – Scothern Lane and Church Lane –

.....Net £125, VAT £25, Gross £150

Glendale Countryside Ltd – June cut –
Net £639.25, VAT £127.85, Gross £767.10

Mrs C Myers Expenses July £52.15

Tesco Mobile – Parish Council Phone bill
.....£8.09

Stop Dead Pest Control – eradication of moles on football pitch£230.00

Dominic Picksley – Management of
Sudbrooke News June 2023 –

July 2024£300.00

Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee –

Hire of Hall (Parish Plan meeting x 1, Extraordinary meeting x 1) £26.00

West Lindsey District Council – Defibrillator Maintenance Service (annual charge)

...Net £88.33, VAT £17.67, Gross £106.00

Staffing costs July £1,146.87
Staffing costs August £1,146.87

Bank Balances Thursday July 11, 2024

Current Account£53,483.11

Instant Deposit Account (earmarked reserved) £12,361.05

Fox Covert Account£2,205.21

Northfield Park Account£18,688.87

Sportsfield Account£4,007.08

Total in bank accounts £90,745.32

13 ■ PLANNING – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION – UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH CONSULTANT

► Councillor Simon Crampton and the Clerk had met with the Consultant to discuss the Review going forward. The Draft Plan and updated Character Appraisal for The Park had now been completed and was ready for councillors to review, following which it would be an agenda item for September's Parish Council meeting to note any amendments. It was hoped that a Consultation could be held on October 16, 2024 with a view for a Referendum in February 2025.

Additional funding would be required from Groundwork UK and this would be applied for.

14 ■ CLERK'S REPORT

► The Clerk reported as follows:-

- That the Life Saving Event had been well attended.

- That the notice board at the church had been repaired and also the map board on Scothern Lane.

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14 ■ CLERK'S REPORT cont

- The notice board at the Park Gates required some work carrying out to it to prevent water getting in and replacement of a new back board. The Clerk was authorised to arrange for this to be done.

- Scothern Football Club had declined the use of the Stuart Curtis field for use during the oncoming season.

- The grit bin on the junction of Holme Drive/Scothern Lane had been knocked over. LCC had stated that this could not be lifted until the autumn.

- A further report had been received on the BESS Battery storage planning application and circulated to Councilors for information.

- That a Policy for the use of Bouncey Castles on the playing field had been devised and this would be for consideration at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

- That two cherry trees on Manor Drive required cutting back due to increased growth and overhang onto the footway and highway. A resident had offered to do this work but members felt that it would be preferable for this to be

carried out by an Arborist. The Clerk was given authority to give instructions for the work to be carried out.

- The Village Hall Committee had reported that they were to have remedial electrical work carried out during the summer to bring the electrics in line with current legislation.

The Committee had also engaged a company to replace the gas boiler and radiators in the hall.

15 ■ CHAIR'S REPORT cont

► The Chair stated that the Parish Council had to work within its budget and had a responsibility to ensure that activities on land owned by the Parish Council are carried out safely and within the boundaries of its public liability insurance to prevent accidents and dangers to other residents of the village.

16 ■ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► Thursday 5 September 2024, 7.30pm, Bramham Lounge of the Village Hall.

VOLUNTEER GROUP

A resident has suggested to the Parish Council that there could be a group of residents in the village perhaps known as the Volunteer Group.

The group would be able to undertake small jobs and tasks in Sudbrooke to help keep the place tidy

and also to do small jobs around the area.

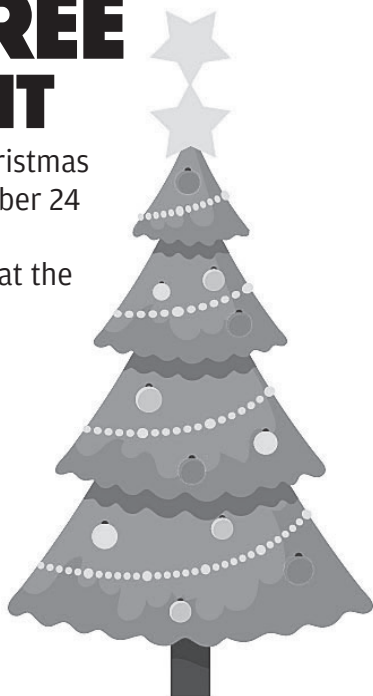
This is something which the Parish Council would welcome. If you feel you would like to be involved please contact the Clerk to the Council on sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH-ON EVENT

Come along to the switch on of the village Christmas tree on Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke, on November 24 at 4pm

The event will be kindly sponsored by Arvind at the Village shop, Nettleham Co-op, Parklands Development and the District Councillor's Community Fund

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CROSSY ROAD

► Rod Mountford's letter about the lack of a need for a pedestrian crossing on Wragby Road, near Scothern Lane, stirred up something of a hornets' nest among readers, with three villagers writing in to disagree with him. What do you think? Who is right here? Do we need a new pedestrian crossing or is that small island in the middle of the road perfectly adequate?

READERS' RESPONSES

■ **COMMON SENSE TO PREVAIL?**

Dear Editor,
I refer to the reader's letter 'crossy roads' in this month's publication [August edition].
In response I would say that it is easy to dismiss the needs of others about those things which do not directly affect yourself.
There is a clear issue in crossing Wragby Road when the road is busy enough to have to wait on the island - which is frequently the case - with cars and lorries hurtling along on either side at 50mph. This is exacerbated if you have

dogs or small children with you. A survey is being carried out to determine the safety of that crossing and whether further measures such as a pedestrian crossing similar to those in other villages along Wragby Road is required.
We shouldn't always have to wait for injury or death to show some people that an island on a 50mph road is not a perfectly adequate and safe way to cross it.
Sometimes we hope that common sense will prevail.
*Kind Regards
Lesley Osborne*

■ **TERRIFYING TRAFFIC**

Dear Editor,
I am writing in reply to the letter printed in the August edition of the **Sudbrooke News** regarding the survey to establish the need for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Scothern Lane and Wragby Road.
Firstly, the island in the middle of the road is not "perfectly adequate for anybody to cross the road". It is in fact, wholly inadequate as a place of safety for anyone wishing to get to the garden centre or the bus stop, particularly if the "anybody" in question has even the mildest of disabilities.
The hazard only increases if anyone has a child in a pram/pushchair as it is impossible to stand behind it without either the front of the pram or yourself protruding out into the oncoming traffic.
In addition, the speed of the traffic at this junction (50mph) can prove to be terrifying as you stand there with eyes in the back of your head in case a vehicle approaches from one of the side roads.

I'm sure the revenue and footfall to the garden centre and cafe would increase significantly if a pedestrian crossing were to be installed.
I for one avoid walking the short distance to this lovely establishment purely because of having to cross the road on foot. I have two dogs, one of which is nervous of busy traffic, lorries in particular. The prospect of trying to cross the road safely with two dogs, whilst maybe having to park them on the central island while we wait for another gap in the traffic is frightening.
Maybe instead of a survey carried out by people who would never actually have cause or intention to cross the A158 with a wheelchair/walking stick/pram/dogs/sight impairment ect, it would be far more sensible to actually ask the residents of Sudbrooke what we need and would prefer.
I feel certain that the overall outcome would be in favour.
*Kind Regards
Mrs Dowell*

READER'S LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ **CROSSY ROADS**

Dear Editor,
Looking through the June edition of **Sudbrooke News** there is a note under 'Reports on Matters Outstanding' that there is to be a survey in August to ascertain the need for a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Scothern Lane and Wragby Road.

But, surely, there is already a crossing point at that junction that enables anybody to cross to the bus stop or the cafe. The island in the middle of the road provides a perfectly adequate and safe way to cross the road.
There is no need to provide expensive additional highway furniture to the junction, when it clearly is not necessary.
Rod Mountford



■ **NOT SAFE OR ADEQUATE**

Dear Editor,
In reply to the letter in August's **Sudbrooke News** criticising the request for a pedestrian crossing I have to say as a pedestrian it is not a safe road to cross.
Yes there is a crossing refuge, but with traffic

passing at 50mph, HGVs thunder past you, it is not 'a safe' or adequate 'crossing'.
Try crossing with a dog in tow or with young children.
We have lived in Sudbrooke for many years and the traffic has significantly increased over the years.

North Greetwell has recently obtained a pedestrian crossing and the speed limit there is only 40mph, hence some of us have requested a review for a pedestrian crossing for Sudbrooke.
*Kind Regards
Liz Thompson*

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Come and join us at Sudbrooke Coffee Club, held on the second Friday of the month at Sudbrooke Village Hall, starts at 10.30. Admission is £1.50, refreshments included. Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones. Thank you.

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SUDBROOKE WALKING GROUP

With Mike Halliday

TAKING A TREK THROUGH THE LINCOLNSHIRE LIMEWOODS

► The August walk was from Wragby to Goltho through the Lincolnshire Limewoods, a circular walk of about six miles.

The weather was dry with sunny spells, but the ground underfoot was wet which made walking through meadowland a bit tricky and damp as the grass was sometimes above knee height.

Over the years since our group was formed in 2007, we have watched the new plantation of various deciduous trees grow and mature.

They are a fine sight courtesy of the Woodland Trust.

An additional highlight of this walk is the chainsaw woodcarvings of woodland trees and wildlife together with a massive round picnic table where we took our break.

The September walk was a shorter one from Ingham village around the surrounding countryside.

It was amazing to see so many fields of sunflowers in bloom, grown as a commercial crop.

Our October walk will be a circular walk of approximately six miles from Nocton village and the surrounding area.

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER BRIEF TO PARISH COUNCILS JULY 16, 2024

By Paul Fido

Briefings from

*Superintendent Phil Baker,
Head of Lincolnshire local Policing
Crime Commissioner Marc Jones
Community Police Inspector Mike Head*

Brief starting with an intro from the Superintendent and Marc Jones who explained his role and how he liaises between Government and the Chief Constable and works on our behalf to get additional central funding for specific operations or targeted crime hot spots.

We were then given statistical data on the forces' performance:
Rural (West Lincolnshire) May 24:
2108 serious incidents

Average time on scene was 9 mins 57 Secs

Target time of 20 mins was achieved in 90.25% of cases. Within 30 mins it was 96.11%

Crime figures for Lincoln area,
Jun 2023-May 2024:

Homicide1
Violence with personal injury.....1,637
Violence without personal injury ..2,047
Stalking / Serious harassment 1,438

West Lindsey (Scothern, Sudbrooke, Langworth) – 2024

Total No of crimes:

April – 8; May – 7

Violence & Sexual Offences:

April – 5; May – 3

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB):

April – 2; May – 2

Criminal Damage / Arson:

April – 2; May – 1

Community Police for Sudbrooke is



covered from Market Rasen by Inspector Mike Head. He and his team cover a large area and concentrate their work in the higher crime areas (mainly Gainsborough).

They have been working closely with West Lindsey District Council to issue Anti-Social Behaviour warning letters offenders and Criminal Behaviour Orders to prolific offenders.

Generally communication with the Community Policing Team and Parish Councils has improved, but they ask that councils bring all offences to their attention so they can build a picture of any trends.

Summary of offences in West Lindsey
Jun 2023-May 2024

Burglaries down54%
Arson / criminal damage down10%
Vehicle offences down11%
Drug Offences up14%
but primarily due to police actively breaking drugs gangs and county line routes.

They have also caught numerous rogue traders using Facebook to promote building / maintenance work and then charging exorbitant rates for carrying out shoddy work work.

For those not aware the Lincolnshire Police do not use WhatsApp in any form so any communication supposedly from them is a scam.

Lincolnshire Police work closely with all neighbouring forces and are active in numerous cross county investigations.

Continue to use 999 for any emergency and 101 for routine enquiries or reports of non serious activity.

THE SUDBROOKE LOCAL Sudbrooke Village Hall QUIZ NIGHT

Every second Friday in the month

Doors Open 7.30pm Quiz 8-10pm

Bar and Prizes

Entry £1 per person, maximum of 6 people in a team.

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DATES
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October 11

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PARKLANDS UPDATE

By Ben Martin, former Project Manager for The Parklands

Gregory Kirby act for the fund, RCL Partners LLP, in the capacity of development manager. RCL are an investment fund and majority shareholder in The Parklands Sudbrooke Limited, the company developing The Parklands estate. As such, we (RCL) control and run the management and delivery of the development project.

We'd like to quash the theory that we are running out of funds or have stopped building, which could not be further from the truth.

RCL is a privately owned investment fund, with an exceptional balance sheet and capacity to finance, underpinning the commitment taken last year to complete the construction of Phase 02 at the Parklands in its entirety, despite a difficult housing market. As we are sure you have observed the Phase 2 build is drawing to an impressive conclusion.

We also remain committed to developing Phases 3 and 4, albeit we are in the process of evaluating the merits of the existing planning consent, granted in 2016, as no doubt you can appreciate, the world is now a very different place, with the requirements of residential customers remaining a fluid entity.

Covid, cost of living economics and evolving sustainable obligations mean it

is important we design and deliver a scheme that befits such considerations. We believe there is scope to improve the consented design to account for factors that have materialised in the last eight years and wish to ensure we undertake a full review before proceeding further, which may involve a fresh planning application.

The exercise is work in progress, save to say, our aspirations remain to complete the development of The Parklands, for which full funds are set aside to deliver.

There is no financial fragility whatsoever. Equally, we have not marketed the remaining land for sale, nor is it our current desire to do so.

We note comments concerning people not being able to speak to anyone which we find troubling, given we have a daily presence on site, including a long-established sales suite and management office, occupied by our delivery contractor, BOSS Group, in a prominent location as you enter The Parklands along Main Drive.

Anyone is welcome to call in, to raise questions and if, the project team are unable to answer there and then, points raised can be discussed internally and actioned.

We operate an open-door policy in this regard.



THE PARKLANDS
SUDBROOKE

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

Registered charity no. 504153

Enquiries: sudbrookevh.secretary@outlook.com. Tel: 07549 137082

The Booking Secretary, Mrs Sarah King can be contacted as above.

When leaving a message please allow 48 hours for a response.

The hall continues to cater for a variety of uses including Preschool and regular classes and meetings.

It is situated next to the play area and playing field, making it an attractive

venue for family parties. The main hall and Bramham Lounge are available for private bookings and facilities include a commercial kitchen and a parking

area.

The licensed bar can be requested when booking the hall. The Bar

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Cash or card payment taken.



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Lincolnshire Family History Society
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Lincoln Branch

Would like to invite you to our next Branch Meeting at

Queen's Park Community Hub

South Park, Lincoln. LN5 8EW

Saturday October 12th 2024 at 2pm

Presentation by: **Maureen James**

"Bogles, Boggarts and Will 'o' the Wykes"

Exploring the Folklore of the

Lincolnshire Fens.

We look forward to seeing you!

Non-Members are always welcome at our meetings.

Telephone Contact: Tracey Fairhurst 07941 245322

THE CHURCH DIARY

With Revd Jess Bellshaw

01522 753576 slbparish@gmail.com

I'M GETTING A LICENSE TO THRILL!

► Well, here we are in October! A month which starts a new chapter in my life, and in the lives of the churches in our benefices.

On October 9, I will be licensed as vicar to the South Lawres and Barlings groups of churches; these are Reepham, Fiskerton, Cherry Willingham and Greetwell, Barlings, Langworth, Sudbrooke and Stainton by Langworth.

These eight worshipping communities become my legal responsibility! It's a little daunting if I'm honest, but I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the amazing communities in this place.

It's funny how life turns out, I never dreamt when I was younger of being a vicar, or of leading eight churches. But life has a funny way of turning out. I'm sure if you looked back over your journey, they'll have been things that have surprised you, for better or maybe for worse, events, decisions that have changed how you imagined life would be.

As a Christian, it's often in these times of change that I find my faith is most helpful. It helps me to feel secure in an ever-changing world.

At my licensing service I've chosen one of my favourite parts from the Bible to be read. It's Psalm 121, you may have heard it read at funeral, it speaks of hope and of a God who

neither sleeps nor slumbers. I particularly love the very last line, "the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore".

It brings me hope that I am not alone, that whatever is going on in my life there is someone bigger who cares, and it speaks of a promise that God will never leave- now and forevermore he watches. As we head into Autumn, I often find it can be a time which makes us reflect, and perhaps feel a little lonely. The darker nights, the cold, the looming seasons of remembrance and then festivities. For some people in our communities this time of year is hard. Psalm 121 reminds me I am not alone, just as being part of the church community reminds me that I am not alone.

However, you are feeling as we approach Autumn, whatever surprises Summer has brought you, my prayer is that you too will know you are not alone.

You will find a warm welcome in our churches, and so many different activities and things to join in with from coffee mornings to quiz nights. We're on Facebook, you tube where you can watch one of over 360 services we've recorded, or why not join the mailing list for our newsletter and keep up to date with what's happening each week!

Revd Jess Bellshaw

CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

OCTOBER

Wed 2	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 6	Stainton by Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
Wed 9	Reepham	7pm	Licensing service of Revd Jess Belshaw
Sun 13	Barlings	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Cherry Willingham	10.45am	Holy Communion

Wed 16	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 20	Fiskerton	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Holy Communion
	Reepham	6pm	Word and Worship
Wed 23	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 27	Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Reepham	10.45am	Holy Communion
	Fiskerton	5pm	Healing Prayer

REQUEST BY RESIDENT TO PURCHASE A TENNIS NET FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS AREA (FORMER TENNIS COURT)



A request has been made to the Parish Council for the multi-purpose sports area to be fitted with a tennis net.

Whilst the Parish Council is happy to consider this and the cost at a future precept meeting it is important that, as this would be public money being spent, it is an opinion of the village residents that a tennis net and posts should be purchased – price being in the region of £400-£500 plus fitting.

The former tennis court, agreed to be known as a multi-purpose sports area in 2021, was paid for by grants as part of the Village Hall complex when it was built some 35 years ago.

It had floodlights until they stopped working and the cost of repair was going to be too much. Tennis never really took off in Sudbrooke with a few attempts at forming a tennis club fizzling out, residents seeming to use the Nettleham facilities at Mulsanne Park.

Until 2021 the area was surrounded in boards some 6' high which, although good strong boards, appeared to be a challenge for the local youths to kick in and the repairs were a constant drain on Parish Council funds. A tennis net had been available for residents use – kept in

a locked box of which a resident living nearby held the key for anyone to collect in order to use the net. It was then locked away after use.

However, in the 2020 lockdown it was left out for the summer, but suffered severe vandalism that it had to be removed. It had been wound so hard on its pulley that it pulled the posts out of the tarmac. A local resident did some running and contributed sponsorship towards the repair of the tarmac.

After much discussion agreement was made by the Parish Council to offer the net and box for sale (in **Sudbrooke News**). There were no objections to this at the time.

Since late 2021 when the boards surrounding the multi-purpose sports area were removed and the provision of 360 degree CCTV at the Village Hall there does appear to have been less vandalism. The Parish Council would like to hear from residents their opinions on whether another net be purchased and importantly, whether it will be used, along with suggestions for keeping it safe from vandalism. Please send your comments to sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com – for or against.



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Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Flood line	0845 9881188
Incident hotline.....	0800 807060

LINCS COUNTY COUNCIL

Main number.....	01522 552222
Emergency planning.....	01522 582220

HEALTH SURGERIES

Nettleham Health Centre.....	01522 751717
Welton Health Centre.....	01673 862232

SCHOOLS

Sudbrooke Pre-School	753938
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Cherry Willingham.....	01522 751040
Nettleham Junior School	01522 750376
Scothern After-School Club	07944 709024

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Electricity Central Networks.....	0800 6783105
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Anglian Water	08457 145145
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Yorkshire Water	0800 1573553

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Saturday: 10am-12noon	

WHAT'S ON IN SUDBROOKE AND SCOTHERN

25th Lincoln Scouts.....	753689
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Central Lincolnshire Design Code

A tool to help shape great buildings, spaces and places across Central Lincolnshire.

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plans Team are starting an exciting new project to prepare a design code for Central Lincolnshire. The code will set out design rules for new development.

Central Lincolnshire covers the districts of Lincoln, North Kesteven and West Lindsey.

Consultations

The consultation will run from Tuesday 10 September 2024 to Tuesday 22 October 2024

Please help spread the word to neighbours, friends and family!

What are your priorities for the design of new homes?

What do you like about your local area and what would you change?

Your voice matters and we want to hear from you!



Scan the QR code to complete our survey.

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