

# SUDBROOKE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025

## FROZEN

It's been a chilly winter in Sudbrooke.



Walking group enjoy a stroll around Whisby ■ Page 17

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# EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Christmas seems like it's now in the dim and distant past – it's February now, so time for supermarkets to be stocking up on Easter eggs!

It's been a funny few weeks – heavy winds and very cold days, with the odd bout of sunshine and not much rain.

It amazes me how many trees keep falling down in Sudbrooke Woods when there's a bit of wind. Even that huge one near the lake, *right*, came down a bit ago. How?

Anyway, just the usual fare this month, with reams of council notes,



along with all the normal stuff, like the walking group, church notes, etc...

Take a load off your feet. Dom

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**October 10**

**November 7**

**December 12**

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# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUSBROOKE PC HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Mrs Tracey Bowman (Vice Chair), Mrs Sandra Clayton, Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Bhikhu Mistry, Mrs Cathryn Nicoll, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

### 1 ■ PARISHIONERS ITEMS

► It was noted that a resident had kindly cleaned signage on Church Lane and that Western Power had cut the tops of the hedge on Church Lane.

### 2 ■ TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

► Councillor Mrs Pauline Loven, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins.

### 3 ■ TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA

► None declared.

### 4 ■ NOTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2024 TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AS MINS

► That these be approved and signed as Minutes unanimously Resolved.

## WALKING GROUP

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### 5 ■ COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

► CC Sue Rawlins had sent a report stating that she now had a dedicated Highways Officer to work with at LCC.

She stated that she was pursuing with that Officer a possible reduction in the speed limit on the A158 and the drainage around the Millennium Stone

### 6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

► A) Section 106 Agreement, Church Lane - Nothing further to report. Resolved that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive of WLDC asking that he pursue this matter.

► B) Resurfacing of footway on Wragby Road - nothing further to report from County Councillor.

► C) Resurfacing of footway on Scothern Lane - nothing further to report from County Councillor.

► D) Millennium stone lighting/drainage of the area around the Stone - See CC Report above.

► E) Church Lane near to Two Corners - nothing further to report from County Councillor.

► F) Northfield Park Gardening Group - report of meeting held on 6 November 2024 - Arborez had cut down the shrubs as quoted and would be removing the roots during the next few days. The Group would go ahead with further

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## 6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

The Group would go ahead with further clearance of the area as weather permitted.

A grant of £500.00 had been received from the Zero Carbon parishes fund. The funds currently held by the Parish Council for the Group totalled £730.00.

► G) Community engagement – East Mercia Rivers Trust – report of presentation – 21 people had attended the presentation on November 6, 2024, which had proved very interesting with many carrying out 'dipping'. It was reported that the Sudbrooke beck was in good condition.

► H) Christmas Tree lights switch on November 24, 2024

i. Arrangements to date – TENS licence obtained by Councillor Peter Heath, raffle prizes purchased/donated, Bates Sound would provide additional Christmas music. As there was no November **Sudbrooke News** printed, the Clerk would print a flyer about the event and the **Sudbrooke News** Distributors be asked to deliver it.

ii. To review Risk Assessment – The Risk Assessment from 2023 was reviewed without amendment and adopted for this event.

## 7 ■ DRAIN TO REAR OF FOX COVERT

► Item deferred until next meeting.

## 8 ■ TENNIS NET - TO REVIEW RESPONSES AS TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A NEW TENNIS NET

► Following request for a replacement tennis net and an article in **Sudbrooke**

**News** seeking residents' opinions, only one response had been received. In this respect, members Resolved not to purchase a new net.

Two suggestions for use of the multi-purpose sports area had been made, one being for the use of a dog training area. It was felt that the area could be used for such on condition that it did not interfere with anyone else who may be wanting to use the area at that time.

A further suggestion was a request for a basketball hoop. This had been considered previously, but grant funding had not been successful. Members felt that if some fund raising by the requester could be made this could be further considered and another grant application made towards the cost.

## 9 ■ VOLUNTEER GROUP - TO REVIEW RESPONSES IF RECEIVED, FOR A VOLUNTEER GROUP

► Following an article in **Sudbrooke News** there had been no responses received.

## 10 ■ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2025

► A) To consider grassing over the Wildflower area on the Jubilee Garden – That this be grassed over proposed by Councillor Paul Fido, seconded by Councillor Peter Heath and Resolved.

That the resident who had carved the 'Wildflower Garden' sign be offered it unanimously Resolved.

► B) To consider the removal of rough hedging/shrubs at entrance to

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## 10 ■ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2025 cont...

Northfield Park to enable the area to be grassed – It was reported that this area was full of elder, wild roses and brambles, and keeping cut to one metre in height and from overgrowing the walkway had become a burden on the Council's limited resources.

Two quotations was been received for its removal in the sums £580.00 and £350.00. That the quotation for £350.00 be accepted unanimously Resolved.

► C) Following inspection, to agree to removal of three trees on playing field, one leaning heavily, two dying – Two trees on the Village Hall playing field were requiring removing due to being dead or dying. The third, a cherry tree, which was leaning had been assessed and Arborists advice given that it required reducing in height. Cost for these works - £300.00.

That this work be carried out unanimously Resolved.

► D) Following inspection to agree to removal of large shrub on West Drive – This item not discussed.

► E) To agree Grass cutting Schedule for 2025 season – This had been compiled by Councillor Paul Fido and the Clerk and if approved by Council would be used for obtaining quotations for the next years grass cutting. The Schedule was approved unanimously.

## 11 ■ BALANCING PONDS - TO CONSIDER SCOPE OF WORKS REQUIRED AND RESPONSIBILITY - PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SIMON CRAMPTON

► The Council was advised that the Management Company for the Parklands had recently changed and during the recent months no maintenance had taken place to the ponds, they now becoming very silted, overgrown with weed and litter.

The Clerk was asked to contact Witham Third Drainage Board to ascertain their responsibility for the ponds.

## 12 ■ PLAY EQUIPMENT

► To consider quotation for maintenance - Quotation received from EKM Ltd for the following:

Village Hall site resetting of fence posts – £95.00; Repair the split in the safety surface under junior swing – £40.00;

Northfield Park - replacement of lower platforms (one second hand) in the sum of £680.00.

That the above quotation be accepted unanimously Resolved.

## 13 ■ TO AGREE MEETING DATES FOR 2025

► Dates agreed as follows:  
2025 - Jan 9; Feb 6; March 6; April 10; May 8; June 5; July 3; Aug no meeting; Sep 4; Oct 2; Nov 6; Dec 4  
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6, 2025

## CHURCH DIARY

The latest musings by Reverend Jess Bellshaw and all the church dates

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## 14 ■ FINANCE

► A) To consider the amount to budget for 2025/26 – WLDC had asked for an estimate of the Budget prior to the full setting of the parish Precept. That a sum of £38,000 be budgeted unanimously Resolved.

► B) **Sudbrooke News** - to consider quotation from alternative Printer – a price had been received for the printing of the **Sudbrooke News** in its current format in the sum of £375.00.

This would be a saving on the current cost. That this printer be given the opportunity to print **Sudbrooke News** for the December edition unanimously Resolved.

► C) To receive the revised NALC salary scales for Clerk and Treasurer and confirm implementation from 1.4.2024 – That these scales be implemented proposed by Councillor Mrs Cathryn Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman and Resolved.

► D) Ratification of accounts paid/for payment/bank balances

### Monies received:

Groundwork UK – Neighbourhood Plan Grant ..... £3,330.00  
Lincolnshire County Council – receipt of grant for gardening group..... £500.00

### Accounts paid:

Todds – paper and folders –  
..... Net £28.75, VAT £5.75, Gross £34.50  
Visual Print and Design Ltd – printing  
**Sudbrooke News**..... £395.00  
Doddington Hall – Christmas Tree –  
Net £320.83, VAT £64.17, Gross £385.00

### Accounts for payment:

E. ON – Electricity at Millennium stone  
..... £25.00  
Tesco Mobile – PC Mobile Phone. £8.09  
Mrs C Myers – Expenses..... £50.80  
Mrs B Solly – Expenses – including  
Purchase of anti-virus software for PC  
laptop ..... £117.19

Greetwell Parish Council – Purchase of accident book ..... £3.81  
Glendale Countryside Ltd – October cut  
..... Net £490.00, VAT £98.00  
..... Gross £588.00  
LAB Planning Services Ltd – preparation of a modification schedule and start of consultation statement re. Neighbourhood Plan ..... £1,350.00  
Mrs C Myers – Cups for Christmas Tree Event  
..... Net £16.85, VAT £3.37, Gross £20.22  
Mrs C Myers – Items purchased for Christmas Tree Event ..... £91.40  
Mrs C Myers – purchase of refreshments for Neighbourhood Planning Consultation evening..... £7.05  
Mrs C Myers – Purchase of Santa hat and beard..... £9.98  
Cllr P Heath – purchase of mulled wine  
..... £117.15  
Cllr P Heath – purchase of TENS Licence for Christmas Tree Event ..... £23.00

That the above payments either paid or to be paid be approved proposed by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman, seconded by Councillor Simon Crampton and Resolved.

Bank Balances Thursday 7 November, 2024:

Current Account ..... £5,428.37  
Instant Deposit Account (earmarked reserved)..... £49,765.58  
Fox Covert Account..... £2,223.08  
Northfield Park Account..... £18,480.30  
Sportsfield Account ..... £4,039.55

Total in bank accounts..... £79,936.88

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## 15 ■ PLANNING

- ▶ A) Neighbourhood Plan Review:-
  - i. Update on current Consultation – Several comments had been received and would be collated to formulate amendments at the end of the consultation on November 17, 2024.
- ▶ B) To receive confirmation on further grant funding of the Review from Groundwork UK – A further grant of £3,300 had been received to fund the Review.

lor Paul Fido had agreed to attend.

- That the Parochial Church Council were arranging for signage at the new church car park on Sudbrooke Place as previously requested by a resident.
- She requested the funding of attendance at the Clerks Networking Day at Welbourne on 26 November, 2024.

That the Clerk attend unanimously Resolved.

## 16 ■ CLERK'S REPORT

- ▶ The Clerk reported as follows:
  - That she had renewed the mobile phone contract with Tesco for a further year at £8.09 per month.
  - LCC had arranged the uplifting of the grit bin on the corner of Holme Drive.
  - There would be a Police Teams meeting on 14 January 2025 – Council-

## 17 ■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- ▶ The Chairman stated that he was pleased that there had been a good response to the community engagement with the Rivers Trust regarding the beck.

## 18 ■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- ▶ December 5, 2024, 7.30pm, Bramham Lounge, Village Hall

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PC HELD ON THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Peter Heath (Chair), Mrs Tracey Bowman (Vice Chair), Mrs Mrs Sandra Clayton, Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Mrs Cathryn Nicoll, 1 Resident, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

### 1 ■ PARISHIONERS ITEMS

► Reports had been received of waste being burned at a property on Wragby Road. This had been referred to the Environment Agency.

A resident requested an update on the erection of the bollard on West Drive. DC Velan had sent a report as follows: 'This is still work in progress. It is expected to go to the Planning committee for decision in January and then WLDC will issue notice to LCC; signage was not part of the scheme.'

### 2 ■ TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

► Councillors Mrs Pauline Loven, Bhikhu Mistry and District Councillor Baptiste Velan. That reasons given be accepted unanimously Resolved.

### 3 ■ TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA

► None declared.

### 4 ■ DRAFT MINS OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOV 2024 TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED

► That the minutes be signed as a correct record unanimously Resolved

### 5 ■ COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

► CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported that the devolution of Greater Lincolnshire was in process of going ahead.

► That the bypass roundabout on Nettleham Road would be upgraded.

► The LCC budget for school transport was £53 million.

► That she was pursuing the possible reduction of a speed limit on the A158 through Sudbrooke.



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## 6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

► A) S106 Agreement, Church Lane – No reply received from developers, Baobab Developments.

DC Baptiste Velan had sent the

following report obtained from WLDC Planning Department:-

The s106 contained the following obligations:

Obligation	Amount	Restriction	Trigger	Status
Highways contribution (1st instalment)	£15,000	For the provision of a pavement along Church Lane	Upon the first occupation of the first dwelling	Payment outstanding
Highways contribution (2nd instalment)	£15,000	For the provision of a pavement along Church Lane	Upon the first occupation of the second dwelling	Payment outstanding
Car park land	NA	To construct and complete car parking spaces as approved, and manage and maintain them thereafter	Prior to occupation of the third dwelling	Car park completed
Pavement land	NA	To convey the pink pavement land to the County Council	Prior to commencement of development	Work has been undertaken to remove the hedge and fencing installed; awaiting confirmation from LCC that the land has been conveyed to them

• WLDC is still liaising with the LCC highways team regarding the two Highway payments, which are payable directly to them under the terms of s106.

• They have confirmed that they have yet to be received.

• However, LCC has been actively pursuing the payment owed because of the s106 obligation with relevant parties over recent months and is continuing to do so, including considering all courses of action.

► B) Resurfacing of footway, Wragby Road – CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported she was in discussion with the Highways Officer.

► C) Resurfacing of footway on Scothern Lane and St Edward's Drive – CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported she was

in discussion with the Highways Officer responsible.

► D) Millennium Stone lighting/drainage of the area around the stone – CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported that a Highways Officer would be arranging a site visit of the area and she would chase this up.

► E) Church Lane near to Two Corners – provision of passing place – CC Rawlins reported she was in discussion with the Highways Officer responsible.

► F) Community Engagement – East Mercia Rivers Trust – nothing further to report.

► G) Christmas tree lights switch on – November 24, 2024 – report of event – This had been a success despite poor weather. A total of £338.00 had been raised by the raffle and donations towards next year's Xmas tree/event.

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## 6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

► H) To discuss the possibility of a basketball net/hoop through grant funding – The Chair agreed to source a basketball post and hoop which could possibly be paid for by grant funding.

► I) Balancing ponds in The Parklands – update on responsibility – Witham Third Internal Drainage Board had been contacted for information regarding responsibility and had replied as follows: “That whilst the ponds are owned by the Parklands development, and they are the riparian owners they do have responsibility in keeping them tidy. However, the Witham Third Drainage Board have overall responsibility for the inlet and outlet pipes as they are attenuation ponds.

“The Board come and check the Sudbrooke pipes always before and after school holidays due to the issues in the past when there have been blockages.

“The Board have cleared the ponds in the past but currently they have lost access due to the seats placed around the ponds etc, and they cannot get into them with their machinery.

“They are not man-made ponds, but are former brick pits and so are quite deep.

“They will be inspected to see if they need de silting. The Board has been in touch with the developers to clarify that as riparian owners they do have responsibility for the ponds.”

## 7 ■ DRAIN NEAR TO FOX COVERT - REPORT FROM MRS PAULINE LOVEN AND REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM FOX COVERT ACCOUNT TO ASSIST WITH DRAIN AGE EQUIPMENT COSTS OUTSTANDING cont...

► Councillor Mrs Pauline Loven had forwarded a report in that the Fox Covert ditch remains dry and that the neighbours have done a good job clearing the debris out. No funds required at present.

## 8 ■ TO CONSIDER BUDGETING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MARQUEE/GAZEBO AT EVENTS IN THE PARISH

► It was agreed that Councillor Paul Fido would source a possible marquee up to the cost of £500.00.

## 9 ■ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2025

► A) To consider quotations received for grass cutting 2025 season and to appoint a contractor – Four quotations had been received in the sums of (A) £7,825.00; (B) £8,600.00; (C) £6,712.45; £6,930.00.

After careful consideration it was proposed by Councillor Paul Fido, seconded by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman and unanimously Resolved that Company (A) Ian Moore Contracting be offered the grass cutting contract for the 2025 season.

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## 9 ■ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2025

► B) To consider the quotations received for hedge and shrub maintenance for the 2025 season and to appoint a contractor – Four companies invited to quote, two quotations received in the sums of (A) £2391.00; (B) £1500.00.

That the contract be offered to company (B) Arborez, proposed by Councillor Paul Fido, seconded by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman and unanimously Resolved.

► C) To consider quotation for removal of fallen tree in Stuart Curtis field – That this be removed at a cost of £90.00 by Arborez unanimously Resolved.

► D) To consider quotations received for clearing alongside beck from Elm Drive to wood entrance – item deferred to January meeting.

► E) To consider quotation for crown lifting of trees to 6ft along Manor Drive - That this work be carried out at a cost of £60.00 by Arborez unanimously Resolved.

► F) To consider quotation for completion of works to shrubbed area on Northfield Park/Beresford Drive – two quotations received (A) £350.00; (C) £200.00. That Company (B) Arborez, be instructed to carry out the work unanimously Resolved.

## 10 ■ FINANCE

► A) To consider the amount to budget for 2025/26

The funding required for the next financial year was given careful consideration.

That the sum of £35,700 be precepted upon West Lindsey District Council proposed by Councillor Peter Heath,

seconded by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman and unanimously Resolved.

► B) To ratify the purchase of a new printer for Clerk's use – The current printer, being eight years old, had ceased working. That the purchase of a new printer at a cost of £150.00 be ratified proposed by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman, seconded by Councillor Peter Heath and Resolved.

► C) Ratification of accounts paid/for payment/bank balances – Mrs C Myers Expenses November 2024 ..... £43.60

Bates Sounds – provision of public address equipment for Christmas Tree event ..... £60.00

LALC – additional hours for website maintenance .. Net £54.00, VAT £10.80, Gross £64.80

Tesco Mobile – Parish Council Phone bill £8.09

HMT Landscaping – shrub clearance ..... £350.00

E.on – electricity at the millennium stone ..... £25.00

Visual Print and Design Ltd – Printing of **Sudbrooke News**.....£395.00

Sudbrooke Village Hall – Neighbourhood Plan meeting ..... £18.00

Mrs C Myers – items for Christmas Tree event .....£9.08

Mrs C Myers – reimbursement for purchase of new printer

..... Net - £149.99, VAT £30.00, ..... Gross - £179.99

Glendale Countryside Ltd – Gang Mowing – playing field ..... Net £47.2

..... VAT £9.45, Gross £56.70

Staffing payments to be paid 31st December 2024..... £1,146.87

Councillor Mrs Cathryn Nicoll declared an interest in the payment for LALC, as a member of the LALC Committee.

That the accounts as above be paid unanimously Resolved.

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## 10 ■ FINANCE cont...

### ► Income

Parklands – donation for Christmas tree event..... £200.00  
Cash donations at Christmas Tree event £338.90

Lincolnshire County Council – contribution towards grass cutting.....£3,679.23

Bank Balances Thursday December 5, 2024

Current Account .....£2,855.04

Instant Deposit Account (incl. earmarked reserved) ..£49,765.58

Fox Covert Account.....£2,223.08

Northfield Park Account.....£18,140.30

Sportsfield Account .....£4,039.55

Total in bank accounts..... £77,023.55

## 11 ■ PLANNING

► A) Neighbourhood Plan Review – update on comments received from Consultation – An informal meeting with members and the Council's Consultant had been held to discuss the comments received. The Consultant would incorporate these comments into the Plan. It was also suggested that the village boundary line be adjusted slightly.

That the above be ratified unanimously Resolved.

► B) Application WL/2024/00919 – 4 Beech Close, existing dwelling alterations and extensions including new front porch and bay window, garage enlargement, one rear single-storey extension, the installation of inset roof mounted solar panels and a new air source heat pump – That 'No objections or comments' be submitted to WLDC unanimously Resolved.

## 12 ■ CLERK'S REPORT

► Nothing further to report.

## 13 ■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

► The Chairman remarked how pleasing the turnout had been for the Christmas tree light up with approximately 175 mulled wines and 150 mince pies being served.

He extended thanks to the Vocalisa Choir; the Scouts for the loan of the stove, pans and gazebo; Nettleham Co-op for the donation of the mince pies; The Parklands development for the donation of £200 towards the event; The Lincoln Veterinary Hospital for some raffle prizes; the volunteers and Councillors who had worked to make the event successful.

## 14 ■ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► January 9, 2025, 7.30pm

## 15 ■ CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THIS ITEM - TO DISCUSS THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL

► The Clerk and Treasurer left the room whilst this item was discussed with only Parish Councilors present.

Cllrs Tracey Bowman, Sandra Clayton and Paul Fido reported to the rest of the council following the appraisal of the clerk. The councillors expressed how impressed they were with the professionalism and efficiency of Mrs Myers in her role as PC clerk enabling the Council to work effectively.

# THE CHURCH DIARY

With Revd Jess Bellshaw

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## LOVE, LOVE, LOVE.... LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

► We have made it to February – the last official month of winter, where from here on in, in theory, the weather warms up and we look for those signs of Spring!

This winter seems to have gone on and on; it seems a long time ago since Christmas and the twinkly tree lights that brightened up the gloomy evenings. February, of course, sees St Valentine's Day – a day commercially taken over for the giving of expensive flowers and chocolates! A day meant to be a celebration of love.

For many of us, though, love is something we express in a variety of ways. We show love to our families in different ways than we might show love to our spouse.

I've been reading over the past few months Miranda Hart's book in which she recounts her chronic illness and her search for love. She speaks powerfully about the basic need all humans have to love and be loved. The theme of

love is one that's found in the Bible, too. The whole narrative of the Bible is the story of God's coming to earth as a baby and growing too to be a man who taught us how to care for each other. Sometimes people ask me what the job of a vicar involves – to be honest there are so many varied things I could write a long list, but one of the most important things I see my role as being is to share with people, those who come to church and those who don't, that they are loved by God.

In a world that is so often full of conflict and division, it is a comfort to know that God loves me, and you! For Christians it is one of the key beliefs that we hold, and it should change how we view ourselves and others.

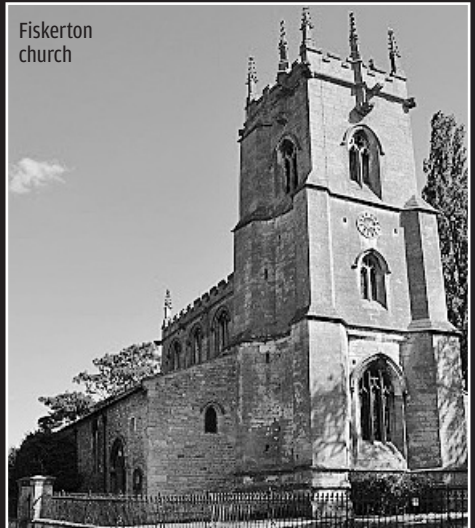
Whether Valentine's Day brings you a card from a loved one, or an empty letter box I pray that you will know that you are important in this world, that you are always welcome in church and that you are loved!

# CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

## FEBRUARY

Sun 2	Stainton by Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Greetwell	10.45am	Holy Communion
	Reepham	4pm	Together
Mon 3	Grand Luce	10.30	Morning Worship
Wed 5	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 9	Barlings	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Cherry Willingham	10.45am	Holy Communion
Tue 11	Willow Court	11.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 12	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fr 14	Reepham	12noon	Prayer in the day
Sun 16	Fiskerton	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Holy Communion
	Reepham	6pm	Word and Worship
Mon 17	Grand Luce	10.30	Morning Worship
Wed 19	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 23	Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Reepham	10.45am	Holy Communion
	Fiskerton	5pm	Healing Prayer Service
Wed 26	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Holy Communion

Fiskerton church



# SUDBROOKE WALKING GROUP

With Mike Halliday

## HAVING A WANDER AT WHISBY

► Nine walkers braved the cold weather to do a six-mile walk around Whisby Nature Park.

The Nature Park has excellent car parking, good firm footpaths around the lakes and woodland plus a large restaurant and shopping area with all of the usual facilities.

There are six large lakes created from gravel pits that attract birds from far and wide. During our visit we saw mostly hardy ducks and swans, but in warmer weather the lakes are invaded and watchers can make good use of the hides surrounding the lakes.

There are lots of trees and shrubs to be enjoyed. The spring bulbs were growing well and the broom shrubs

were in flower. At the end of the walk we retired to the restaurant for refreshments and a rest. The excesses over Christmas time had taken the edge off some of our walking fitness.

► Next walk is Saturday 1 February.

At this time of year we are guided by the weather in terms of location so our provisional plan is a circular walk of approximately six miles from Navenby along Lincoln Edge and the Ermine Roman Road.

Walkers should meet at our village hall at 9.30am and are advised to wear a waterproof coat, wear suitable footwear and bring a drink and a snack. Everyone is welcome to join our walks.



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**Recently reported problems**

Tactile pavement covered with mud/foliage  
17:03 today, last updated 17:12 today

Outside number 44  
16:29 today, last updated 16:29 today

Outside number 86  
16:28 today, last updated 16:29 today

Hanging branches from trees outside 2 and 4  
Riversdale  
16:09 today, last updated 16:09 today

Brickwork 8 and 17  
15:57 today, last updated 15:57 today

1,217  
reports in past week

2,064  
fixed in past month

1,264,914  
updates on reports



Some street lights in the village have been noted as not working recently.

These have been reported, but any resident can also report them on Fix My Street Lincolnshire...  
<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>



# SUDBROOKE COFFEE CLUB



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. Happy New Year.

## Dates for 2025

February 14  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9

June 13  
July 11  
August 8  
September 12

October 10  
November 14  
December 12

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# SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

Registered charity no. 504153

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## QUIZ NIGHTS

It has been decided to have a summer break in months that have not been well supported. The quiz nights for 2025 will be held as follows:

February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, October 10, November 7, December 12. Please note the November date is the first Friday of the month.

Still £1 per person, max 6 per team. Doors open 730pm. Quiz starts 8pm.

available for smaller events and meetings. Facilities include a commercial kitchen, a parking area and the adjacent play area, making the hall popular for family and children's parties.

The licensed bar can be requested when booking the hall. The Bar Manager is always pleased to help with licensing queries.

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## LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

The season of goodwill has come, but hopefully not gone. We are bombarded with adverts for SALES of new kitchens, bathrooms, beds, holidays and much more all at KNOCKDOWN prices.

Fear not, Lindsey u3a's sales pitch is that our BARGAIN annual membership fee of £17 has, for the third year running, stayed the same. For £17 a year you can attend 12 monthly meetings including refreshments and a speaker plus the possibility of joining any interest group which might appeal to you. What's to lose?

Lindsey u3a meets at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.45am for tea/coffee followed by a speaker at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round

and answer any questions. On February 6, our speaker is Steve Barclay, a comic entertainer, who has performed at many theatres across the country and most recently played pantomime dames for seven seasons at Lincoln's Theatre Royal. His talk entitled "Comedy Heroes" should be very entertaining.

On March 6, our short AGN will begin at 10.15am followed by a speaker, Malcolm Ross whose talk about the "Lucy Tower Graves" should be fascinating.

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next coffee morning will take place on February 23.

Everything you need to know about Lindsey u3a can be found on: [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk).

Sheila Nash

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**Sunday 2nd February**

**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 9th February**

**Community Cafe**

**Sunday 16th February**

**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 23rd February**

**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 2nd March**

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**Church Gathering**

**All 10am to noon in  
Welton Village Hall**



# INFORMATION STATION

## WHO, WHERE, WHEN AND WHAT

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency .....	999
Police.....	101
Fire & Rescue .....	01522 582222
Ambulance Service .....	08450 450422
PSCO Melanie Goodwill .....	07973 847851
PSCO Glenn Patchett.....	07973 846719
Crimestoppers.....	0800 555 111

### WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Main number.....	01427 676676
Out-of-hours.....	01427 613960

### ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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
Ellison Boulters.....	01673 862392
William Farr .....	01673 866900
Cherry Willingham.....	01522 751040
Nettleham Junior School .....	01522 750376
Scothern After-School Club .....	07944 709024

### UTILITY COMPANIES

Electricity Central Networks.....	0800 6783105
Gas - National Grid .....	0800 111999
Anglian Water .....	08457 145145
Severn Trent Water .....	0800 7834444
Yorkshire Water .....	0800 1573553

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Tuesday-Friday: 1-5pm	
Saturday: 10am-12noon	

### WHAT'S ON IN SUDBROOKE AND SCOTHERN

25th Lincoln Scouts.....	753689
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### HOME SECURITY ADVICE

### SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

#### Clerk to the council:

Mrs C M Myers.....07594 295457  
Email: SudbrookeParishCouncil@gmail.com

#### Chairman:

Peter Heath..... 595061

#### Vice-Chairman:

Tracey Bowman..... 751834

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Bhikhu Mistry.....07849 886020  
Simon Crampton .....

#### Treasurer:

Bridget Solly.....07969 371994  
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#### County Councillor:

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Email: sue.rawlins@virgin.net

#### District Councillor:

Baptiste Velan..... 07551 722022  
Email: cllr.b.velan@west-lindsey.gov.uk

### MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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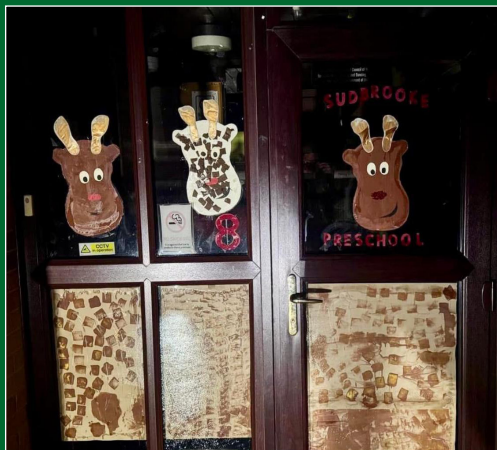
Reverend Jess Belshaw..... 01522 753576  
slbparishoffice@gmail.com  
Pastor Greg DeWeese.....07999 124958  
(TCM Baptist Church)

Gardening Club .....

Dave Cook.....422706

# LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

SOME OF THE WINDOWS ON SHOW AT CHRISTMAS



A colourful festive array of windows in the village last December. Same again in 2025?

