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## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

#### **FEBRUARY 2021**

IN this never-ending cycle of lockdown, it is good to know there are still heartwarming stories out there and I must give a mention to resident Reshma Suwal-Rai, who has raised £255 to help raise funds for repairs to the village tennis court, which was disgracefully vandalised last year.

She did it by running 125km in November and proudly bank-transferred the money over to Sudbrooke Parish Council at the end of December. Well done Reshma!

We feature another local business this month and hear how a local lady has turned from the drinks business to creating lovely, personally-crafted sewing products.

There's copious Parish Council Minutes, we discover the latest goings-on at Sudbrooke Preschool, plus there's now the regular feature of the monthly quiz. One day soon, we hope, we'll back in the Village Hall for the real thing. I'm waiting for the day. **Dom** 

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## SUDBROOKE LOCKDOWN SERVICES

Help is available in the village once more during the latest lockdown.. Prescription deliveries from Nettleham this is the number to call 07814 040260 For Welton surgery 07725 519544 We will get deliveries to folks as soon as we can.

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#### SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

The Annual General Meeting of Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee will be held by Zoom on Monday 15 March 2021, at 7pm.

All residents of Sudbrooke Parish aged 18 or over are welcome to attend the AGM to elect a new Management Committee. All village organisations are invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee. Please let me know as soon as possible, via village hall letter box or sudbrookevillagehall.bookings@gmail. com if you wish to make a nomination to the Management Committee. If you wish to attend the meeting please let me know at sudbrookevillagehall.bookings@gmail.com so that I may send you a Zoom invitation.

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Gill Rignall Minutes Secretary Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee

#### **ALSO**

During the current lockdown, the hall is open only for Preschool in line with regulations. It is the priority of the Management Committee to safeguard Preschool. If restrictions are eased enquiries will be taken.

Also, there has been increased littering around the car park. This costs money to clear up so please take your litter home.

#### **NOVEMBER 2020**

#### Minutes of the remote meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 November.

PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman). Bob Waller (Vice Chairman). Andv Cottam. Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins Clerk Mrs Christine Myers, Treasurer Mrs Bridget Solly and two residents

#### 31 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A resident explained that he was proposing to submit a planning application for a small development on Scothern Lane and referred to the Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan in which it stated that a Consultation Statement should be submitted with such applications. The resident was advised that this would be discussed later in the meeting under Planning.

A report of a stone trail being left on the grassed area to the rear of Maple Drive. For safety the Clerk had informed the grass cutting contractors. The Chairman would take a look to confirm if removal was required.

A resident had complained of increased dog fouling on St Edward's Drive. The Clerk would arrange signage to be placed in the area. The same resident reporting increased overhanging hedges in the area - a note to be made in

Sudbrooke News regarding this.

A report of a new business being carried out in West Drive was made. WI DC would be notified

Drain Cover damaged on Manor Drive - Clerk reported to LCC Highwavs with request for urgent repair.

#### **32 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Mrs Lvn Etheridge - That her reason be accepted unanimously Resolved.

#### 33 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF **INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None declared

#### 34 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON **1 OCTOBER TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS** MINUTES.

That the notes were a true record and could be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

#### **35 POLICE MATTERS/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE VILLAGE**

Problems with anti-social behaviour in areas of the village had been reported to the Police and were being monitored by them.

#### 36 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported that the works on the A46 roundabout were progressing well, although there would be traffic disruption in that area until mid-December.

That Devolution had been put on hold by Central Government.

#### 37 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

DC Bob Waller reported that there had been a new Leader for WLDC appointed - Councillor Owen Brierley.

WLDC were currently tackling the increased level of fly tipping seen during Lockdown. The Council will work closely with DEFRA to reduce litter from fast food outlets, become a member of Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, Parks Campaign and the Charity Bin sponsorship scheme. The Local Government Secretary had announced further Covid funding support of £1bn for Local Authorities. WLDC will receive

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£333,060 bringing the total grant to £1,496,322. This grant is supporting the additional costs being experienced in supporting communities, the vulnerable, ICT costs in enabling staff to work from home securely.

▶ DC Waller was questioned about the recent felling of trees on Wragby Road following a TPO being placed. It was noted with disappointment that there had been no input from the WLDC Enforcement Department with the offender only being asked to plant replacements. That the Parish Council enquire with the local Arborist undertaking the tree felling on behalf of the owner of the trees for his version of the events unanimously Resolved.

#### ■ 38 PLAY EQUIPMENT WORK – QUOTATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Quotation received for the removal of the balance beams at the Village Hall play area in the sum of £50. That the quotation be accepted unanimously Resolved.

Councillor Mike Turnbull had inspected the climbing tower and overhead rings and suggested that it be left in place for a further six months, with continual monitoring. This action was unanimously Resolved.

#### **39 TREE WORKS - CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS**

a. Jubilee Garden: Quotations received in the sums of £280.00, £350.00, £350.00. That the quotation be accepted in the sum of £280.00 from Marks Tree Surgery, unanimously Resolved.

▶ b. Village Hall: Quotations received in the sum of £375.00, £620.00, £590.00. That the quotation be accepted in the sum of £375.00 from Glendale Countryside, unanimously Resolved.

C. Manor Drive: That there currently be no

work carried out to trees on Manor Drive unanimously Resolved.

#### ■ 40 TO CONSIDER INSURANCE COMPANY ADVICE THAT AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF TREES, FOR WHICH COUNCIL HAS RESPONSIBILITY IS CARRIED OUT

▶ Councillor Ian Russell suggested, and it was agreed, that two members of the Parish Council could walk around the Village Hall playing field, Northfield Park and Jubilee Garden for a visual inspection of trees and make a report accordingly. This to be done on an annual basis.

#### 41 CHRISTMAS TREE 2020 UPDATE

▶ The tree had been ordered, Glendale would site and two volunteer residents would put the lights on the tree. There would be no switch-on event this year due to the Covid-19 situation.

Mr Roger Adams had stated that he would be willing to continue to maintain and store the lights.

Councillor Andy Cottam and the Clerk to compile a Risk Assessment for the erection of the tree and whilst in situ.

The above unanimously Resolved.

#### ■ 42 REQUEST BY TAKAWAY PIZZA COMPANY TO SITE A TAKEAWAY VAN ONE NIGHT PER WEEK IN THE VILLAGE

A request had been received to site a takeaway pizza van on the Village Hall car park. Whilst the Parish Council had no objections, providing that litter was removed, the views of the Village Hall Committee would be sought. It was also felt that a more central area in the village would be more appropriate and suggested sites would be looked at.

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#### **43 NEW NOTICEBOARD – UPDATE**

This had been ordered and a resident living near to the Park Gates had kindly offered to receive delivery and store the noticeboard until it was able to be fitted.

#### **44** FINANCE

a) To consider the Estimate of Precept for 2021/22: The Treasurer briefed Councillors on expenditure required, but this would be finalised at the December meeting of the Parish Council. That the estimated amount for the next financial year be £27,400, unanimously b. Accounts for payment Glendale Countryside Ltd - Grounds maintenance Northfield Park / October cut -£1.324.60 net. £264.92 VAT, £1,589.52 gross LALC - Annual Training Scheme membership -£70.00 net, £14.00 VAT, £84.00 Gross Mrs C Myers - expenses October 2020 - Phone / Broadband £13.00, Postage £6.29, Mileage  $\pounds16.20 = \pounds35.49$ Salaries - November = £1.000.29 That the above payments be made unanimously Resolved

#### **45 PLANNING**

• a) Report by members able to attend meeting with Project Manager at The Parklands: Cllr Stuart Hewson reported that he along with Councillors Cottam and Waller had attended the site meeting on October 7, with the Project Manager and Project Liaison Officer.

A tour of the site was provided, with those attending wearing face protection and social distancing. They toured the site and were informed that the 43-home first phase of the project is now targeted to be completed by next year. Several homes were either occupied, or reserved. The 10 affordable homes which are to be managed by a Housing Association called Halo Homes - seven had been reserved for people who have an association with either Sudbrooke or Scothern as per the terms of the tenure. The main observations were that the site appears to be better managed now that another construction company is undertaking the development. There are now 30-50 workers on site every day. It was clear the developers, through the Liaison Officer, would like to have a greater dialogue with the village and it was agreed that they could possibly submit an article for the **Sudbrooke News**. It was noted that Anglian Water would adopt the Retention Pond.

 b. Application 141550 - 30 Wragby Road
- update: This application had been refused permission at the WLDC Planning meeting held on 15 October 2020.

• c. To consider a Planning Policy linked to the Neighbourhood Plan - The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow a resident of Scothern Lane to join in the discussion. This was further to his enquiry under Parishioners Items.

The resident was advised that in accordance with the Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan, Policy 1: Additional Residential Development: 1. Proposals for additional residential development in Sudbrooke will be supported provided that clear support from the local community can be demonstrated. Applicants are encouraged to agree the scope of the consultation with Sudbrooke Parish Council prior to it taking place. A Consultation Statement should accompany the application for planning permission and consideration should be given to the guidance provided in Appendix 1 when preparing the statement.

2. Development proposals will be encouraged which seek to provide smaller homes catering for younger people and specialist homes for the elderly population, for those with disabilities

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and for self-build projects. A requirement would be consultation with the whole village giving residents the opportunity to decide if they wanted additional development in the village due to the village having already met its quota. Replies should be collated by an independent analyst which could then be submitted with a planning application. A written guidance would be formulated and forwarded to the Resident. Standing Orders were resumed.

#### 46 CLERK'S REPORT

• The Clerk reported that it had been an extremely busy month.

She had attended two Funding Workshops held by LALC, which it was hoped would be useful if an application was to be made for funding for play equipment in the future.

Groundwork, who had provided the funding for the Neighbourhood Plan, required further information on monies spent and what the remaining £1132.00 could be spent on. The Treasurer would furnish them with the information required.

Members suggested that following expenditure on additional copies of the Neighbourhood Plan it would be useful to enquire if the funds could be used towards any replacement play equipment required. The Treasurer would make enquiries about this when supplying Groundwork with the additional information required.

A resident had enquired about the need for painting the Park Gates – The Clerk was asked to obtain some prices due to the Council being let down by the Lincoln College Painting Department.

A resident had loaned some interesting old photos and historical documents for inclusion on the new website.

This would make interesting reading when the website became Live.

#### 47 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

▶ The Chairman reported that he also had attended two LALC Workshops on Funding on differing dates to the Clerk.

It had been brought to his attention that there were abandoned vehicles on West Drive and an enquiry be made to the landowner to ascertain if he was aware they were on his property. Members agreed unanimously that a letter be sent to the landowner.

Information had been received that bulb planting would be undertaken by Rivers Trust volunteers on the embankment in the Stuart Curtis Playing Field on Scothern Lane.

### 48 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

• \*These items circulated to the Clerk's residents email list.

Oct 6: LALC Weekly News

Oct 7: WLDC Measures regarding dog fouling Oct 7: Invite to Virtual Planning Meeting Oct 14 Oct 8: LALC Weekly News

Oct 12: Photograph of Sudbrooke Holme 1912 staff received from a person finding it in some old belongings

Oct 12: Royal British Legion info on Remembrance Services

\*Oct 16: WLDC Business Brief

\*Oct 16: WLDC News for residents Oct 21: Came & Co newsletter

#### 49 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR

▶ To be held remotely until further notice and in line with government guidelines, on Thursdays at 7.30pm, on the following dates:-Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 13, June 3, July 1, Aug - No meeting, Sep 2, Oc 7, Nov 4, Dec 2.

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### **SUDBROOKE PRESCHOOL** WITH VICKI TIMINGS-THOMPSON - 01522 754047

#### BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR

were we Pre-Scho and and a structures, and a str Our Christmas festivities were very different this year, as restrictions and guidelines, forced us to make a few changes. However, that did not prevent us from having our Christmas party, with traditional party food and games. We even managed to have a visit from Father Christmas - thank you to Richard H for a great performance! Santa had cleverly left a present for each child, before sending us personal messages, projected to a large screen and reading the children's names out individually to collect their gift - which was very exciting!

We returned in the New Year to very quickly go back into full lockdown once again. Things are rather different for Early Years educators this time around. Whereas primary and secondary schools are currently only open for children of key workers, preschools have not closed and are remaining open to ALL children.

The children have settled into preschool really well after the Christmas break and are clearly enjoying some normality being back with their friends. We have started the term with a lot of creative play, using fabrics to make

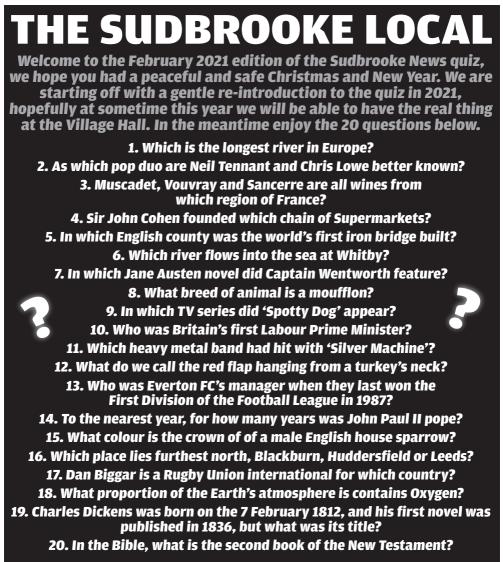


pictures, mixing colours to paint and developing physical skills using one-handed tools. Our older children have been considering measure by matching size and finding the longest and shortest 'dinosaur bones'. In numeracy we have been playing counting games using dice and matching number to quantity. We are developing imagination in role play and by building with construction resources. We are also practising listening skills by sitting together in groups for stories, while in small world play, our new 'Thomas' trains and tracks are current favourites!

We welcome several new members who have ioined our preschool committee and a particular thank you goes to Hannah S, who has stepped into the role as our Chairperson.

Sudbrooke Preschool offers governmentfunded places and is very much a local community preschool. We are the main feeder pre-school for Ellison Boulter's - which is lovely for our children, as friendships develop during their time with us, before they move on to school together! Please call 01522 754047 or 07368 215007 for further information.





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## **FROM PEPSI AND COURVOISIER**

"BAXTER!" The shrill sound of the familiar voice came ringing through the trees as the enthusiastic golden labrador bounded towards me down the track in the woods away from his exacerbated owner Lesley Johnson.

"That bloody dog," scowled Lesley, with a hint of a smile as she ordered her friendly mutt back into her garden after he spotted me near their home, breaking free from his enormous garden, to eagerly come and to say hello.

Originally from Yorkshire, Lesley, a wellknown face in Sudbrooke - along with husband Rob - after living in the village for 26 years, had taken a few minutes off from her sewing exploits to walk her dogs Baxter and Barney (a black labrador).

She is the lady behind recently-formed business, Passion In Every Stitch, after retiring from the drinks industry and turning to her precious sewing machine.

Inititally making facemasks and donating them to the NHS, she has branched out to aprons, tote bags, dog collars and dog leads, all finely crafted by her fair hands.

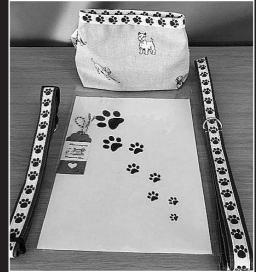
"I had worked in the drinks industry for the last 32 years, initially spending 20 years with Pepsi and Britvic soft drinks. before moving to alcoholic drinks in 2006 working, with brands such as Courvoisier Cognac, Jim Beam Bourbon, Teachers whisky and Famous Grouse, to name but a few," she told me.

"I latterly managed the

International Culinary Alcohol business (high-strength alcohol for food). It was an amazing role, but alcohol and food? Well that had to be the perfect job!

"For any of the villagers who have eaten Tesco Christmas puddings, this was a product I oversaw and which was approved by me and my team."

In a position which involved plenty of world



Passion In Every Stitch "Created with Love"



"It was an amazing job, but alcohol and food? Well that just had to be the perfect job"

travel, Lesley reveals it wasn't as beguiling as it sounds. "Travel is not in any way shape or form glamorous. Countless hours stuck in airports, where delays and cancelations were a regular occurrence.

"It was an amazing career,

but long hours and being away from home every week was incredibly hard."

After much soul searching and many sleepless nights, Lesley decided to take early retirement in March 2020 in order to "spend precious time with husband Rob and her four-legged boys".

Of course, little did she know that the Covid-19 pandemic was lurking around the corner, which

## **TO SEWING MASKS AND BAGS!**

rather put paid to her plans of "ladies that lunch with prosecco, and girlie shopping trip plans".

To keep herself busy and her mind occupied, Lesley dusted down her old sewing machine, found some online tutorials and decided to create pieces of handiwork and do her bit to help.

"My initial face masks were a far cry from the ones I developed and donated to the NHS," she says.

"Albeit in a very small way, it was good to be able to help the NHS in such challenging times."

Having donated in excess of 300 masks to the NHS and local hospice, plus ensuring that her

family and friends had all been supplied, Lesley then decided to create a small cottage industry.

"It would be fare to say that Passion In Every Stitch was born out of concern and fear of the Covid pandemic," she adds. "However, the thrill of creating bespoke

"However, the thrill of creating bespoke premium quality products was incredibly infectious and kept my mind occupied.

"The desk that had been used for writing corporate strategy and calculating budgets, had now become a sewing station.

"Passion in every stitch may have been born out of concern, but it has been built with, indeed, passion and created with love, traits that are at the heart of everything that we do.

"Each of the products are made to order and customer satisfaction is an absolute priority." And as a recipient of her some her masks, I can vouch for the quality of her handiwork. For more information, visit: www.passionineverystitch.co.uk





"The thrill of creating bespoke premium quality products was incredibly infectious"



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These are just a few of my..

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In the latest chronicle of our new series for Sudbrooke News, we ask another villager to reveal his/her favourite things in life. Next up is Tom George, aged 27...

ALBUM Skin And Bones by Foo Fighters

An acoustic album with hit songs like 'Everlong' and 'My Hero'. Foo Fighters are one of my favourite bands of all time. Fantastic music.



### **BOOK** 1984/Animal Farm

by **George Orwell** I cannot say I have a favourite book, rather a favourite author which is Orwell. If I had to

choose a book, then

1984 or Animal Farm.



### Vancouver, British Columbia

Apollo 13 or Cast

They are both fantastic

movies that portray

two real life stories

exceptionally well.

Away

I travelled there on holiday in 2018 with my girlfriend to whom I proposed to in Whistler on the mountains. It is a special place for us both, with plenty of wonderful memories.

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### Paella

If I had to choose it would probably be a paella, pint of Estrella overlooking the Spanish coast. More closer to home, a good Oles Oles tapas in The Lawn, near Lincoln Castle.

Alan's back again philosophising about the current state we find ourselves in and wondering why there's so much traffic on the roads. We think he may finally be cracking up, going stir crazy.

LOCK

went for a stroll one morning recently and took in Wragby Road. Strange. I thought we were in lockdown, but you'd never have known it with the amount of vehicles on the road. I don't think I've ever seen it so busy.

And they weren't all heading into Lincoln either, there were plenty coming the other way too and sometimes it was queuing traffic (*Ed*, *not the like picture here then?*). At well before 8am in the morning.

Okay, they may have been legimately going

about their business, but I did wonder where they were all heading to in these days of 'essential journeys' only and large swathes of the country either working from home or furloughed.

That's the thing about life now, it's making people more suspicious than ever. How

many people in the village are

wondering what their neighbours are doing, especially when there are cars parked outside the house, or their car disappears off the drive for a couple of nights?

Once upon time, you maybe couldn't care less, but now you view people you like and trust with ever-growing suspicion, wondering if they are following the 'rules' like you are. It's all very strange. Then there's the funny scenario that you can't have your parents round, but you can let a workman in your house. Where's it all going to end?

And it's about time we got the children back to school, this homeschooling lark will never work in the long-term, kids need to be educated properly by those who know how to educate. Teachers teach for a reason.

I was once told a saying, 'those who can, can, but those who can't, teach'. Never has this statement been wider of the mark now and we need our teachers back in the classroms along with the pupils, otherwise we're going to have a



alternative? Is there one? Again, who knows?

What we do know is that more uncertain times are around the corner – well, not just around the corner, but staring us straight in the face.

But we just have to get on with it and hope a time comes when this all is long forgotten about – we'll laugh about this in the future, but then again, maybe not...





# THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE EVER-GROWING EYESORE

A PATCH OF WOODS OFF MAIN DRIVE AT THE SOUTH END OF THE VILLAGE HAS BEEN A DUMPING GROUND FOR YEARS NOW AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT I

### WHAT A MESS!

The caravan may have been moved - further into the woods, rather than towed away and dumped somewhere else - but now we've been left with the eyesore in its wake, rubbish strewn all over the place, dumped windows and frames, and goodness what else lurking in the undergrowth.

For those villagers living near the mess each day, it's clearly something they want clearing up, but as each week passes and nothing happens, so it looks further unlikely that a fairy will appear, wave her magic wand the monstrosity will vanish.

That is why some residents have been trying to prompt West Lindsey District Council into action as no-one in the village wants to walk past that area of destruction each day.

There has already been some correspondence with the WLDC and **Sudbrooke News** was sent a copy of a rather 'interesting' response that a resident received from the Senior Planning Enforcement Officer at the WLDC.

The resident – who wanted to remain anonymous – would like it to be viewed by the readers of this magazine for their views.

See what you think...

#### Dear

I am sorry you are waiting for a response to your request for updates. Unfortunately with extremely high demand on the service combined with difficulties caused by covid restrictions and guidance some matters are taking longer than we would like and we are having to prioritise the most harmful cases.

As you are aware we have been in contact with the land owners seeking co-operation to improve the appearance of the land as substantial improvements were made.

The caravan whilst still visible across the woodland is distant. The majority of the debris has been cleared, although there are some bits remaining. In order to serve a formal notice there has to be harm to the amenity of the neighbouring area and for the action to be taken to be necessary in the public interest.

If Mr Curtis had not responded or made any efforts to act then a notice would have been served. However, as he had acted and cleared much of the site, I do not see that the site now justifies any formal action.

If there are ongoing behaviour issues of trespassers that is not something I can control under these planning powers.

I appreciate that is not what you wish to hear, but I do not think there is anything further I can do at this time.

Regards

Catherine Bentley Senior Planning Enforcement Officer



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## SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

#### WITH JOHN & IRIS WHITAKER - 751198 AND CORAL EVANS - 750031

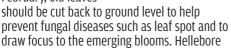
#### SIGNS OF SPRING

Well, here we are already in the second month of 2021 and still not clear exactly when we will be able to resume Gardening Club activities. Once the vaccination programme is in full swing we may receive further guidance on when local clubs and societies can begin to operate. We shall

continue to keep residents updated via our village magazine - so watch this space.

Pleasingly there are signs in our gardens of Spring being iust round the corner snowdrops. aconites and crocus may well be flowering already in your garden, and we are always thrilled to see the first hellebore flowers.

These flowers are a welcome sight indeed. During January and February, old leaves





plants also do well in containers, planted in rich organic potting soil that has excellent drainage. Now is a good time to hard prune hedges such as beech.

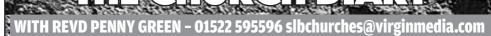
prunus/laurel.

yews and holly. If you are cutting back more than half, then leave one side of the hedge unpruned this year.

If you didn't manage to cut back your herbaceous perennials, then don't worry about it, as uncut stems can be pruned and composted when growth resumes (typically in April) – look out for the tell-tale signs of green shoots emerging from the base of the plant.

For indoor interest, we usually plant and grow at least one Amarylis and these bulbs are readily available from garden centres, most major stores and make wonderful seasonal gifts. They come in single and double forms, in a wide range of colours and

usually take about eight weeks to flower children love to measure the rapid growth of the flowering stems. Enjoy!



#### **ANOTHER STRANGE YEAR?**

▶ I guess many of us would have been pleased to see the back of 2020 - an 'annus horribilis' as the Queen once said... and then 2021 started...

Last week we saw the beginning of a new lockdown, Americans invading their Capitol Building and the President probably being impeached for the second time (I am writing this early in January).

I guess we are watching this wondering what the rest of 2021 will bring - the overriding feeling for me is that we need to be watchful and patient. Patient about receiving a vaccine, patient about getting out and about, patient with those who provide services to us, patient with each other.

In what has been a fast-paced world, we have become used to getting things quickly - and patience requires us to wait... it is a gift that has become 'counter cultural' and that to some extent we need to re-learn. I am, however, mindful of those who don't feel that they have much time to do what they have wanted to do - those who are desperate to see loved ones in nursing homes, those who have life limiting illness...

When Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, he spoke of a number of spiritual gifts and called them 'the fruit of the Spirit' - one of them was patience. The basic premise was that the Holy Spirit (God's Spirit) grows those gifts in us if we allow Him too... Other gifts are love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness... there are more.

But what is patience - well the dictionary defines it as 'the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious' - how well do you do by that definition in today's circumstances?

There have been times in my life when I have been hugely impatient. Times when I have felt like I have banged my head against a wall for month upon month to try to make progress with something - and nothing has come of it; however, later things did work out and I think I recognised that, actually if I had been patient, it would have been less stressful and wearing.

It made me adopt a mantra that I use often: 'timing is everything' - sometimes things need to line up in a different way, and being patient is what is needed. Being patient though doesn't mean that you sit around doing nothing – it means you get on, prepare, grow as a person and learn to wait until the necessary things fall into place. In my world of faith, being patient means praying, waiting, growing in God and allowing Him to work things out. It builds trust and it builds faith.

I m praying for all our communities at this tough time. Please know that you are being prayed for. I too long for a brighter day when we can all gather together again in our communities. Until then, go well, stay safe and look after each other.

#### SERVICES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Once again I am not in a position to plan very far ahead. Our church buildings are closed for public worship until February 16th and once the Govt reviews the current lockdown, we will review the position in the light of information we receive. In the meantime you can find us at:

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#### **DECEMBER 2020**

#### Minutes of the remote meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 December.

PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman). Bob Waller (Vice Chairman). Andv Cottam. Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull, Mrs T Bowman (following co-option). Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer), two residents

#### 51 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A resident drew attention to an enquiry raised some time ago re. the possible enlargement of the culvert on Elm Drive. County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins had contacted LCC Highways and been informed that the culvert had been inspected and that they did not plan to take any further action with the request.

The poor condition of the footpaths at the top of Scothern Lane and on St Edward's Drive towards Oak Close was noted. It would be reported to LCC Highways on Fix My Street.

• A report had been received that the public footpath alongside 30 Wragby Road had been impeded. On inspection it was found to be accessible.

The footpath and road around the church was requiring a good sweep. The Clerk would arrange this with WLDC.

A letter had been received from the landowner of the area containing abandoned vehicles which stated that he would not exert pressure for the removal of the vehicles at this time.

#### 52 APOLOGIES

County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins had sent apologies.

#### **53 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF** INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

#### 54 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON **5 NOVEMBER TO BE APPROVED AND** SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS MINUTES

That the notes be signed as minutes proposed by Councillor Bob Waller, seconded by Councillor Andy Cottam and Resolved.

#### ■ 55 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR ΤΟ VACANCY

Two residents had offered themselves for co-option and each gave a short address of why they would like to become a Sudbrooke Parish Councillor. Both residents left the meeting during the selection process.

That Mrs Tracey Bowman be co-opted. proposed by Councillor Peter Heath, seconded by Councillor Bob Waller and Resolved.

#### 56 POLICE MATTERS

It was understood that the antisocial behaviour was still continuing with youngsters reported as being along Main Drive in the early hours of one morning.

#### **57 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

No report from CC Mrs Sue Rawlins.

District Councillor Bob Waller stated that the WLDC Budget was currently being worked on and it was hoping to be capped at a 2% increase

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#### 58 CHRISTMAS TREE 2020

▶ The tree had been sited and lights put on by three local residents. There had been no official switch on due to Covid 19 restrictions. Thanks were extended to the residents involved.

#### ■ 59 REQUEST BY TAKEAWAY PIZZA COMPANY TO SITE TAKEAWAY VAN ONE NIGHT PER WEEK IN THE VILLAGE

• Due to the area required by the company to site their vehicle and gazebo, no alternative site could be offered to them other than the Village Hall car park. A request by the company had been made for use on alternate Fridays.

The Village Hall Management Committee were in agreement providing insurance detail was provided. This had now been received. That permission be given for the company to use the VH car park on alternative Friday evenings, the agreement to be reviewed after three months. Resolved.

#### 60 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

That there be no amendments to the Standing Orders proposed by Councillor Waller, seconded by Councillor Russell and Resolved.

#### **61 FINANCE**

▶ a. To consider the Grass cutting contract for the 2021 season received from the current contractors - the contract was reviewed and was offered at minimal increase. That the contract be renewed with the current contractors they being local and reliable proposed by Councillor Heath, seconded by Councillor Hewson and Resolved. It was also agreed to share with Scothern PC the cost of flailing the hedge from Church Lane to Scothern at a cost of £187.50 per Council.

▶ b. To consider the invitation from LCC to join the Parish Agreement Scheme - urban Highway Grass Cutting 2021-22 - that the Parish Council continue with this Agreement for the next season which would benefit the village by approximately £1,500. Resolved.

c. To consider request for grant by Marie Curie (Lincolnshire) - Request received for a £500 grant. The Parish Council Resolved not to make a grant on this occasion.

 d. To consider and set the Precept for 2021/22
The budget for the next financial year was considered as follows:

General Administration.....£11.600.00 Insurance .....£750.00 Membership Subscriptions ...... £600.00 Data Protection Fee.....£35.00 Training Courses ......£130.00 Computer Cartridges.....£50.00 Audit Fees .....£350.00 Office Equipment (incl. Maintenance) ..... £50.00 Stationery .....£100.00 Parish Council Elections.....£0.00 Misc. (Repairs, Bins, Noticeboards)......£250.00 Noticeboard ......£500.00 LIVES Defib Pack .....£0.00 Conservation / General Grounds Works (incl Parks).....£2,225.00 Hire of Village Hall .....£0.00 Grass Cutting......£6,000.00 Sudbrooke News (Printing and Management Fee) .....£2.650.00 Play Equipment Inspections Services .. £800.00 Christmas Tree.....£300.00 Sports Day / Sportsfield expenses .....£0.00 Woodcarving maintenance .....£100.00 Millennium Stone Lighting.....£250.00 VH Play Equipment Maintenance ......... £800.00 Tennis Courts Maintenance / Repairs ......£0.00 Purchase of benches .....£0.00 CCTV .....£100.00 Neighbourhood Plan .....£0.00 That the PC Precept upon WLDC the sum of £27,640.00, proposed by Councillor Waller, seconded by Councillor Cottam and Resolved.

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 e. Accounts for payment: Mrs C. Myers - Clerks expenses .....£34.00 EKM Ltd - Village Hall Tennis Courts Repairs ...Net = £350.00, VAT = £70.00, Gross = £420.00 EKM Ltd - Play Area Inspections -

.... Net = £160.00, VAT = £32.00, Gross = £192.00 SLCC - Membership Fees......£166.00 AKO Groundworks Ltd - Installation of new notice board

...... Net = £83.33, VAT = 16.67, Gross = £100.00 Glendale - Village Hall Tree Works - Removal of trees / shrubs on banked area -

.....Net = 375.00, VAT = 75.00, Gross = £450 Parish Magazine Printing - Printing

▶ f. To review the Parish Council Risk Assessment: This was reviewed to include an additional item re Covid-19. That it be accepted with amendment Resolved.

▶ g. Audit 2019/20: The Treasurer confirmed she had received the External Auditors Report which was all in order.

#### **62** PLANNING

 a. To consider adoption of Planning Policy
That the Planning Policy circulated to members be adopted Resolved.

▶ b. To ratify 'Guidance for developers linked to the Neighbourhood Plan' document - That this document be adopted Resolved.

#### 63 CLERK'S REPORT

 None The Clerk reported as follows:
That Councillor Mrs Lyn Etheridge had resigned from the PC and the process of advertising the vacancy had commenced.
An invitation had been received for up to four members of the PC to meet at the Parklands to view progress on 10 December. It was felt that due to Covid-19 restrictions, such a meeting should wait until after further guidance released by the government on 16 December. Following advice from LIVES, the defibrillator had been registered on 'The Circuit' a national database in line with the British Heart Foundation. Supplies of pads and batteries will be still be supplied through LIVES.

I That she had asked WLDC for a road sweep of the village.

The new noticeboard had been sited at the Park Gates.

The Village Hall Committee had had a request to site a Textile bank on the car park of the hall. Members felt that this would take up valuable car parking space on the car park and would likely attract persons to remove items.

#### 65 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

• The Chairman recorded his thanks to former Councillor Mrs Lyn Etheridge who had been a member of the Parish Council since 2008.

#### 66 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Oct 29: 2022-2023 Lincolnshire Schools Admissions Policy Consultation 2 between 30 October 2020 - 14 December 2020 \*Oct 29: - WLDC Energy cost funding Nov 1: Nettleham Policing News - November Nov 3: Notification of iGas funding Nov 9: LALC Weekly News - change of email addresses for Councillors and Clerks Groups \*Nov 10: WLDC Business Brief \*Nov 17: WLDC update on Green bin collections \*Nov 17: WLDC Business Brief Nov 18: Notification of permission for application 141579 \*Nov 26: Notice of Big Energy Saving Network Coffee Chats Nov 26: WLDC Climate Strategy - Phase 2 Consultation

**67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 14 January, 2021, 7.30pm - to be held remotely



#### rs Hetty Halse, former long-term resident of Fir Tree Cottage, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke, died on 16 January 2021, aged 89.

Born Henrietta Richardson on 5 August 1931 to Percy Richardson (a paint-shop foreman at Robey and Co engineering works, Lincoln) and Maud (nee Wilkinson), she grew up on Doddington Road, Lincoln with older brothers Percy and Stanley, who both went to serve in the Second World War when she was a child, and her father took on the duty of local air raid warden. Her brother Stanley, a sailor in the Royal Navy, died when serving aboard HMS Porpoise, sunk by Japanese aircraft in 1945, the last Royal Navy submarine to be lost to enemy action.

After leaving St. Joseph's Convent School in Lincoln, where she excelled at music, gaining grade 8 at piano, she qualified from college with an NNEB diploma in nursery nursing in 1949, working at Newland Day Nursery, then as a nanny for the Newsom and Leachman families in Lincoln, and Parkers in Scopwick. In 1954, she married Joseph Halse (a welder at Clayton Dewandre factory in Lincoln), moving to Hawthorn Road, Cherry Willingham, having children: Shirley in 1955, Peter in 1956 and Maureen in 1959. But tragedy struck in 1960, when baby Maureen died meningitis. The family then moved to Fir Tree Cottage, Sudbrooke which remained the family home for nearly 40 years, and more children arrived: Brian in 1961, David in 1963 and Christine in 1968.

The couple transformed the plot of land into a busy smallholding, with a big piggery and numerous smaller pig and poultry sheds, garages, welding workshop, large vegetable patches, fruit bushes and trees (*see page 28*).

Hetty converted a room in the house into a village shop which she ran as a small business serving the local community, selling not only a range of grocery staples, but haberdashery, knitting yarn, batteries, toys and anything local residents may request, such as rabbit food, stocked especially for the Jones family's pet on West Drive! Even after the closure of the shop in the mid-70s, local residents continued to call in to buy fresh produce. She also took on work caring for children suffering with mental health problems and difficult family backgrounds, at the Lawn Hospital, Lincoln's residential children's unit. Known to them as "Auntie Hetty", she would sometimes bring them over to visit the farm at Sudbrooke, where they would enjoy seeing the collection of animals. She was also closely involved with Scothern School, where her children did their primary education, and served on the PTA at Cherry Willingham Comprehensive. Sadly, tragedy struck again in 1979 when Shirley died, leaving her 9-month-old son, Daniel, whom Hetty brought up.

Highly accomplished at needlework, she made curtains, soft furnishings and fitted covers for chairs and settees, privately for neighbours, and for all the High Street shops in Lincoln, any made-to-measure curtains bought from the Co-op, Binns, G H Shaw or Rosebys in the 80s, would have been made by Hetty. She also took on a variety of more elaborate projects such as wedding dresses, hand embroidered altar cloths for Sudbrooke Church, comedy costumes for Charlie at the cafe, and unique knitted designs to raise money for charity in collaboration with Radio Lincolnshire. She volunteered with heritage societies, serving in gift shops and transcribing parish register details from microfiche for Lincolnshire archive collections. Her family had a long association with Alford Windmill where she and the whole family would help-out, serving visitors and running the mill, especially on busy bank holidays. The door to Fir Tree Cottage was always open to neighbours, the milkman and post-lady stopping in every morning for their coffee break and chat.

Husband Joe died in 1986. Hetty moved from Sudbrooke to Nettleham in 1999. Thanks goes to the staff at Willow Court Nursing Home in Cherry Willingham for their exceptional care in her final days.

For tributes and charity donations: https://henriettahalse.muchloved. com.



### **PUBLIC MATTERS** WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER

#### **COVID SAFETY**

▶ A belated Happy New Year! After all that we endured in 2020, I hope that residents managed to enjoy a well-deserved break during Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for the challenges that 2021 will no doubt bring.

I sincerely hope and believe that 2021 will be better with the Oxford-AstraZenca vaccines being rolled out - there is light at the end of the tunnel, but it will not happen overnight and we must not get too complacent.

As I write this, the UK has recorded the highest daily number of Covid-19 related deaths so we must continue to follow the guidelines, perhaps even more. If you see or hear of a potential breach of Covid regulations you can contact; food.healthandsafety@west-lindsey.goy.uk

Each potential breach will be investigated.

#### HOMEWORKING

▶ WLDC continues to function with hardly any disruption to services. The main difference being that about 80% of staff are working from home where possible and the reality that some decisions and actions may be taking slightly longer to determine than if everyone was back at the Guildhall.

#### GREEN BIN UPDATE

▶ The Green Bin services will commence again in mid-March. The Council has kept the price (£35 per bin) at the 2020 level. Participants of the scheme can now go on line to the WLDC website and pay their subscriptions for the coming year. Again we are hoping that the collections will be extended to have an extra one at the back end of the year.

#### AWARDS ARE OFF

It has been decided to postpone the Community Awards programme for this year, but it will be held in 2022. The reasons for the postponement include the fact that we are unable to celebrate the awards as normal with a formal ceremony and dinner for the winners and in the present climate it would not be appropriate.

As I said, we will hold it next year and we intend to make it a bigger event with more categories and I am sure a lot of unsung heroes will emerge for acts carried out in the community, arising from the current situation.

#### COUNCIL TAX INCREASE?

Much has been written in the local press (The Lincolnite for example) about a 5% increase in Council Tax for this year. This may be true for certain districts such as Lincoln, who have seen a sharp decrease of income such as car parking charges.

We at WLDC are doing everything we can to keep any increase to a bare minimum. We are hoping that our good financial stewardship and commercial investments will help us. I cannot promise exactly what any increase will be, but I can promise we will endeavour to keep it as low as possible.



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### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 14 JANUARY** 

#### There were seven councillors, clerk, treasurer, three residents and Revd Canon Penny Green present

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking local resident Reshma, who had taken up running during the last few months and challenged herself to run 125k during November. She was sponsored by her family and friends and raised £255 which she donated to the Parish Council towards the cost of resurfacing the vandalised tennis court surface.

#### **BURIAL SPACE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

▶ The Revd Canon Penny Green brought to the attention of the Parish Council that burial spaces in St Edward's church yard were now limited. The Parish Council agreed therefore to look for land that could be purchased for a suitable burial ground.

#### SEAT AT FOX COVERT

▶ The Parish Council agreed not to replace the seat in this location following a request by residents in that it was seldom used by residents but more as a meeting place for those causing antisocial behaviour.

#### DONATION TO A NOMINATED CHARITY VIA LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS IN APPRECIATION FOR IT WORK CARRIED OUT ON THE NEWLY LEGALLY REQUIRED WEBSITE

▶ It was noted that many Councils had paid up to £1000 for this work and Sudbrooke had been fortunate to have had the website set up at no cost. The Council agreed to donate £100.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 4 February 2021, 7.30pm to be held by Zoom.

### WELTON PATIENTS'AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

#### LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

#### **BELATED THANKS**

Firstly I have to apologise to Revd. Adam as, in my haste to get the news in last month, I completely forgot to thank him for drawing the PDA raffle! So, thank you Revd Adam. I think he was quite taken aback when he saw the size of the bag of tickets! 9,000 tickets take up a lot of space.

As some of you will be aware, the Covid vaccine roll-out has now begun and the PDA transport scheme is being kept very busy taking patients who have no other means of transport up to the showground. If you haven't had a call yet, please don't contact the Health Centre. They are all extremely busy ringing patients to book appointments for the vaccine and every call into the practice blocks a phone line which could be used to book another appointment. Your turn will come!

Our crowd funding 'just giving' page is still open if anyone prefers to donate in that way. The PDA crowd funding page on 'just giving' the link is here: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ welton-pda

## **QUIZ ANSWERS**

The Pickwick Papers; 20. Mark

1. River Volga; 2. The Pet Shop Boys; 3. The Loire; 4. Tesco; 5. Shropshire; 6. River Esk; 7. Persuasion; 8. A sheep; 9. The Woodentops; 10. Ramsay MacDonald; 11. Hawkwind; 12. The wattle; 13. Howard Kendall; 14. 27 (just under); 15. Grey; 16. Leeds; 17. Wales; 18. 21%; 19.

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February 2021

# **CAPTURED IN TIME**

We were sent these two wonderful old pictures of Fir Tree Close by a former resident, whose family lived in Fir Tree Cottage from 1961 to 1999. Sadly the sender's mother, Hatty Halse, who was a popular matriarchal figure in the village and used to run a shop from her home (how many villagers can remember that?) died just recently (*see obituary on page 21*).



This picture is from 1962, a year after the Halse family moved in. Notice the large field at the top, which now constitutes parts of Manor Drive and Maple Drive

This image was taken in 1976 and you can see how extensive their plot of land was. Several houses now occupy the parts of their farm where those animal sheds are located

