



**Lincolnshire County Council LCC
North Kesteven District Council NKDC**

News from your local, Independent Councillor,
MARIANNE OVERTON MBE

Two Rendering Site Applications

The first planning meeting about the two rendering sites at Norton Disney and Skellingthorpe is on September 4th at 5pm and 6.30pm respectively, at North Kesteven District Council, Sleaford NG34 7EF. As consultees, they will make recommendations to the County Council Planning, where I also have a seat. Book to attend online or online or by phone 0333 247 0253, as places are limited by the available space. The officer recommendations for Council response are published; search using “the planning committee agenda September 4th 2018” <https://democracy.n-kesteven.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=700&Mid=7595&Ver=4>

The Council agreed to object to both applications as they stood. The record will be on the NKDC’s web shortly.

The application will next be heard at the County Council. Please comment on line and a copy to me is helpful. Thank you to all who have already written.

<https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building/planning/planning-applications/planning-online/>

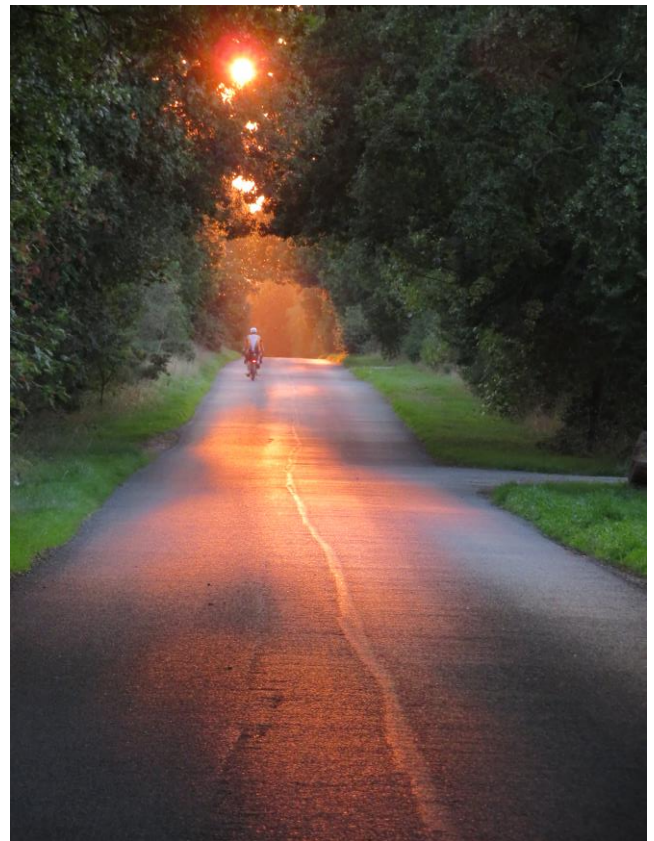
- PL/0055/18 - Jerusalem Farm, Skellingthorpe
- PL/0036/18 - Villa Farm, Norton Disney

Or e-mail dev_planningsupport@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Highways success and more to do

Thank you for your support in reporting potholes and other defects. I have been keeping up the pressure, with constant communication with highways. You may also remember that recently I began focussing on bigger resurfacing repairs and haunching of edges. I am delighted we have considerable success and you will have seen there are several hundred potholes in my division that are now filled and many of our roads resurfaced. There is more to do and it is important to get as much as we can done before Winter.

I asked for improvements to the website. The new website is better or call 01522 782070. Take the link “Report a highway fault” from the home page of County Council website. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk



Cycling home, highway resurfaced

After some pressure, I obtained a list of all the repairs in my division, reported online both last year and this, and their progress. As we knew, they were hopelessly behind schedule and some of our reports had vanished. The exact location in the rural areas is quite difficult, especially where mobile signal is poor. I asked for and got “all potholes to be repaired” along particularly bad stretches of road and indeed, the whole village, in the case of Welbourn.

We have also managed to get quite a lot of resurfacing so far. Some of it is tar and chip, but in some cases, you will have noticed the road has been “planned off”, the tarmac melted on site with added “glue” and reapplied, making a stronger new surface.



We successfully have 3 days of urgent repairs in progress to make Church Lane, Navenby safe. I am calling for full improvement next.

Exam Results

Congratulations to all our young people on their exam results this year. In Lincolnshire, A-level results were well above the national average. One quarter were A grades and half were A or B. Sir William Robertson School did better still with 70% of grades being A* to C. Students also did brilliantly in their BTEC level 3 Sports Diplomas.

In Lincolnshire, GCSE results are slightly improved this year, both overall and in Maths and English.

Tourism

Like me, you probably quite often visit Lincoln Castle, the Cathedral and Whisby Nature Park, helping to make them the top three visitor attractions in the County. We, that's you and I with our public money, have invested heavily in Lincoln Castle, Whisby and the new visitor centre at Gibraltar Point, part of the "Coastal Park", all actively organising events, visible on the Visit Lincoln, Visit England or visit Lincoln Coast websites. Mrs Smith's Cottage in Navenby is progressing, albeit a rather slow pace!

Overall tourism in Lincolnshire is up by 7.3% to 20m visitors in 2017, spending £1.47bn.



Above: Red Darter at Whisby Nature Park, now with 130,000 visitors a year. I was at Frieston RSPB Reserve, when the Stilt Sandpiper flew in from the Americas last week.

Local Visitor Attractions Continued...

New use for 10,000 2p pieces, sculpture at Doddington Hall, part of a big exhibition open until September 9th - well worth a visit!



Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue

Safety events for people working in care homes, hotels, licensed premises, shops and offices include Lincoln South Station on 13th September and Grantham Fire Station on the 14th. Book on fire.safety@lincoln.fire-uk.org.



Three Big Centenary Celebrations:-

RAF, Armistice and Women's right to vote for MP

The Cliff Villages are putting together a series of events around October 14th to mark these celebrations.

Navenby Lion and Royal, celebrate RAF Guy Gibson's wedding. Bracebridge Heath is having a celebratory tea in the village hall 2-5pm. Would you like to get involved? Please give me a ring if you can lend a hand. 07920235364

Supporting Businesses

Is your business entrepreneurial? Why not enter for an award and increase your profile? Three Lincoln businesses are shortlisted this year. Visiondrive from Lincoln who move vehicles, Beauty BLVD colour cosmetics and skin and body care, including glitter lips from Dragon's Den and Greenborough Management Ltd, who provide ideas and support small businesses. Deadline 1 March annually. <https://www.greatbritishentrepreneurawards.com>

Health: local issues, national influence

You may have seen my TV appearance this month, speaking nationally on a few health and care issues. It turns out that UK is one of the most obese nations in the world. Over 22,000 children leaving primary school are already severely obese and life expectancy in Lincolnshire has been dropping over the past few years.

Although the number of people under 64 is staying the same, the number over that is increasing. If we can get healthy lives, and avoid say 20pc diabetes, heart disease, stroke, then we get a significant advantage for ourselves, the economy and the health service. Moderate activity, such as walking fast ten minutes a day, or 150 mins per week, gives a benefit equivalent to giving up smoking. Thanks to our local U3A's and activity groups for these enjoyable ways to help our health and happiness.

You may also have heard me on the radio talking about the health hazards that Councils have found in fake cosmetics and perfumes. Some contain lead, mercury and chemicals that burn skin. If suspicious, please ring the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 03454 04 05 06 for support from Lincolnshire Trading Standards.



The Council's Car Park doubles nicely as a Vintage Car Rally

Councillor passes away after 44 years duty

Condolences to the family of Cllr Mrs Brighton OBE. Marion served as a councillor for 44 years, leader for 16 years and passed away aged 88.

Street Lighting

The year-long review of the County Council lighting switch-off midnight to 6am is complete. 5,000 comments were received and five recommendations made to ease the impact of the policy; Communication to allay fears and allow Parish Councils to part fund. Ongoing data is sought on the connection with crime and road safety, not yet proven, they say, despite what the police have been telling us for years. One positive suggestion was that defibrillator sites do need to stay lit at night. The advantages of Carbon and energy saving are undermined by the fact that the power stations keep running overnight anyway. Changing to the LED lighting has brought a significant saving in running costs, with a ten-year payback. Residents probably want to make sure their house numbers are very visible for emergency services.

Hottest English Summer on Record

I hope you have enjoyed more outdoor activities, with more reliable weather. Garden produce at the village shows was down, reflecting the lower crop yields. Flying insects including butterflies, like this Brimstone on Field Scabious, seem to have done well.



Footpath

A Navenby resident has asked for a footpath from East Road to the High Street to be a formal right of way. To enforce re-opening, she would need to find either documentary evidence of it being a public pathway or collect user evidence from its former users. What do you think?

Village Produce Shows

Congratulations to everyone involved in organising these brilliant, traditional events. Congratulations to all the winners, including Christine and Linda (below) and to the child who won for making these puppy cakes.

In Wellingore on Sunday, huge congratulations to the overall show winner, Chloe Dodd aged 11, who wrote a magnificent poem in celebration of her home village, Wellingore.



Our Village – by Chloe Dodds

Wellingore is a pretty place
In the County of Lincolnshire,
Walks and paths along the cliff,
With lots to see and hear

The pubs are always busy,
With loads of fun and beer,
Children and adults being loud
Heading home with a little cheer.

The garage is full of mechanics
With jobs that are very hard
Firing engines, checking tyres,
Weighing parcels and posting cards.

The Village Hall does lots of things
Like parties, dancing and shows like this
There's book sales every month or two
So check the board for what not to miss!
The Wellingore Park is full of toys,
There's the playground and a field for fun,
Monkey bars, roperie and the slide,
Or have a picnic in the sun!

Wellingore is a wonderful place
In the County of Lincolnshire
Beautiful place, friendly faces
Do you wish that you lived here?





Some Regular Events

Fridays

First Friday monthly at the Marquis, Wellingore 12.30
 All Fridays: Hammond Hall, Bassingham Coffee Morning for all ages. Harmston Happy Hour in Village Hall 6-9pm, Beckingham Social Club and Witham St Hughs Village Hall

Lunch Clubs

September 11th and 25th Bassingham Village Lunch Club
 Book 01522 789935 £5 noon
 Sept 4th and 18th Bassingham Lunch Club Book 789236 £5 noon
 Sept 17th Carlton Le Moorland lunch in Norton Disney Village hall 788303 £3.50 1pm

Music

First Wed monthly **Traditional Folk Music** (Instrumental) at the Bugle Horn, Bassingham LN5 9HQ on the first Wednesday monthly 8 – 11pm Excellent meals are available too, thanks to Pat and Caroline.
 First Thurs monthly **Folk at the George**, Leadenham 8pm Excellent meals from Michael and Karin Willgoose.

Health Walks

Every Wed. Five Bells, Bassingham 10.30am
 Every Fri The Venue, Navenby 10.15am

Running Witham St Hughs every Mon and Thurs 7pm

Crafts First Wed eve and Thurs pm Sarah 788901

Teas Term-time Tuesdays Witham St Hughs Vill Hall 2pm
 Coleby Library and tea Second Wednesday 10.30am
 Welbourn Village Hall First Thursday monthly 2-4pm



Wildlife Watch

Bats and Moths came out in good numbers for our fun Wildlife Watch camp at Hilltop Farm, Welbourn, discovering more about nocturnal animals in our gardens. Next is the Autumn Crafts on September 15th, linking with the Welbourn School event on the same day! Contact me or Jean on 01636 626176.



Above: Angleshades and Burnished Brass

Good Neighbour Award

Do you know a good neighbour who deserves a special thank you? The Co-op and Neighbourhood Watch are inviting your nomination before midnight on September 5th. neighbourawards@ourwatch.org.uk

September

5th/6th Heritage Weekend, free access to most sites. See "Visit Lincoln" <https://www.visitlincoln.com/whats-on/heritage-open-days-2018>

6th Char and Chat Welbourn Village Hall 2-4pm

8th Bassingham Ball Facebook page or ring 01522 789423

8th Lincolnshire Old Churches Bike Ride & Stride. Sponsor forms from Sally on 01522 789102 10am-6pm

8th Cliff Quartet in Wellingore All Saints' 4pm both days

9th Harmston All Saints'. Professional musicians from Vienna, Bratislava and Lincoln will bring Lincolnshire musical heritage to life with the sounds of birds, bells and dance melodies. Tickets: £10, under 16s by donation ann.h.avery@gmail.com 01522 810278 for Wellingore, caroldaman@btinternet.com for Harmston, 01522 722588.

9th Blessing of new village signs in Bassingham Lincoln Road 3pm and afterwards tea at Hammond Hall.

12th Wellingore & District U3A *British Farming After Brexit* Simon Mountjoy 10am coffee for 10.30am start

12th Coleby Library and Coffee Morning Vill. Ha.10.30am

- 12th and 26th Royal Oak Quiz night at Bassingham
- 13th Welbourn Gardener's Club "Planting Companions" at the Village Hall 7.30pm
- 14th "Over the hill" music event, St Peter's Norton Disney, £5 incl. light refreshments 789434 7.30pm
- 15th St Peter's Coffee Morning, Navenby 10.30am
- 15th Welbourn Primary School Fun Day 12-4pm
- 15th Eve Lawson's Quiz Night at Welbourn Vill. Hall 7.30pm
- 15th/16th Lincolnshire Heritage Weekend Aubourn Clock Tower and the Dovecote in Haddington open 2-4pm.
- 19th National Garden Scheme Day incl. Doddington Hall
- 22ND Animal communication workshop with your pets S. Hykeham Village Hall £20 1-4.30pm
- 22nd Navenby Coffee morning Methodist Church Hall 10.30am
- 22nd Animal Communication Workshop £20 07535 158848 South Hykeham Village Hall, 1-4.30pm
- 22nd Lincolnshire Hospitals Band, Leadenham Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm start
- 28th McMillan Coffee Morning at Leadenham Village Hall 10.45am-12.15pm
- 28th Charity Ball at the Bentley, South Hykeham £35 from bcball2018@outlook.com 6.30pm to 12.30am
- 29th Harmston Harvest Festival and supper £10 Please book early with Carol on 01522 722588 6pm
- 30th Wellingore Harvest Festival and high tea 4pm
- 30th Leadenham Harvest Lunch for St Swithun's 12.30-2pm £15 Book 01400 272403

Some October Events

- 1st AGM Bassingham Village and Playing Field Charity
- 6th U3A Showcase Event, The Venue, Wellingore
- 13th "Over the Hill" concert at St Germain's, Thurlby £6 incl. canapes 01522 788325 7.30pm
- 14th Cliff Villages Centennial Events. Visit a neighbouring village for a centennial celebration of the RAF, Armistice and Votes for Women! Programme available.
- 14th Annual Spires and Steeples Challenge 26 miles Lincoln to Sleaford or 13mile option, £18 Ring 01522 701308 or follow on twitter @Spires_steeple
- 14th Boothby Graffoe Harvest Festival and Supper 4pm
- 24th Tea@3 Wellingore Village Hall. Please put these on your calendar and invite people who don't often come to community events when you have a chance. splendid facilities of the village hall, and the faithful delicious baking of the WI.
- 27th Make, Bake and Show, The Venue, Navenby Organised by Lincolnshire WI 11am to 3.30pm
- 28th Family Fungi Hunt at Twyford Wood, near Colsterworth with expert Jane Ostler. Ring me to book or Jean Martin 07920 235 364 10am-noon.

Some Useful Information

Transport and Travel

Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article
 Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door
 Car-sharing www.lincshare.co.uk
 Trains www.thetrainline.com
 Local Plan www.central-lincs.org.uk 01529 308084
 Mobile Library 01522 782010 or www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Planning on line

See and comment on applications to get your voice heard. Search "planning on line north Kesteven"

Village websites

Withamstaple.com; yourbassingham.co.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton
www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/ Navenby and Wellingore business
www.harmston.info www.navenby.net
dunstondossier.org.uk nocton.blogspot.co.uk
parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk
 Most villages have sites on the County Council web like this, including Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby.
 Branston <http://www.tucann.co.uk/the-sheepwash-times>
 Branston Library 01522 880426

County Events- Good web page here

Search Lincolnshire County Council out and about or use <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news/county-news/features/out-and-about-august-2017/131439.article>

Thank You



Thank you all for your support and for all you do for our communities. Let me know if I can help further.

Kind Regards,
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