

Banish batteries from your bin bags

With three fires at recycling centres across the county recently, we're reminding residents to remove batteries from toys and electronic devices and make sure they're not put in their domestic bins, and to keep them separate when they take them to local recycling centres.

There have been fires at Louth, Spalding and Sleaford with one being caused by old fire lighting equipment which had been put in a black bin bag in the general waste compactor too.



Speeding in Wellingore.....

The Parish Council is proposing to site a moveable Speed Indicator Device (SID in the jargon!!) at six locations detailed below.

The hope and intention is to make some difference to the problem of speeding motorist and to collect data to inform future actions.



On A607 – at the top of Wellingore A607 hill on the left hand 30mph sign facing south

On A607 - opposite LMS after taking the New Road Layout sign off the post - facing north.

On A607 - opposite Highcliff Road entrance by the Red Lion sign

On Pottergate Rd - on top of the Wellingore/ Navenby village sign on Pottergate road - facing north.

On Pottergate Rd - just north of the double bend on Pottergate road on the south direction side fitted on 'bend' warning sign

On Pottergate - on the left 30mph sign by Pottergate Road white gates facing south.

All contributions for the next Messenger are welcome. The deadline for the next June 2020 issue is May 25th 2020
Email all your news items and events to wellingoreclerk@live.co.uk



The Wellingore Messenger

March 2020

Wellingore Parish Council News and Information

- Page 2...A message from the Chair
- Page 3...Local problems—dog fouling and fly tipping
- Page 4...Parish Council finances
- Page 5...7 myths about Parish Councillors
- Page 6...Loneliness and being a good neighbour
- Page 7...Grass cutting in the Parish in 2020
 - ...Village Beat News
- Page 8...Old Batteries
 - ...Speeding in Wellingore
 - ...



For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Wellingore/>



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020



Welcome to our new Parish Council Newsletter "The Wellingore Messenger". We plan to publish "The Messenger" four times a year and it will be delivered free of charge to all households. Our hope is that it will become a way of keeping everyone up to date with the latest Parish Council business.

There are many different initiatives which are already underway and others that are planned for the future. Any resident who would like to help by making a specific contribution to existing initiatives or proposing a new initiative should contact any of the Parish Councillors.

Over the last few months a number of new residents to the village have asked about the permissions necessary to take walks across local fields. There are of course designated public footpaths and the Council is wondering whether residents would welcome our publication of those designated routes in a future issue. Please let us know.

These meetings are important because they enable the Council to keep up to date with the needs and concerns of residents. These can range from identifying areas of the village which are in need of cleaning and/or care and attention to new initiatives such as slowing down traffic passing through the village thereby making our streets and roads safer.

Currently there are two garden amenity areas in the village at the Millfield and the Jubilee Gardens. The footpaths are currently being repaired and restored in the woodland area at the Millfield. Both these areas are well used and greatly appreciated by residents. Litter picking is regularly done in these areas to maintain their high standard. An additional small garden with a seating area is now at the planning stage and will be situated on the A607 and will be a development of the existing WI garden. We are grateful to the WI for their help and support with this project. Any ideas for the improvement of other similar areas in the village will be welcome.

By the time you receive this first issue we will be moving towards the first signs of summer when the village looks at its best with trees and flowers coming into season. We will look forward to receiving all your ideas and comments as to how we can best maintain and improve our village in the months ahead.

Roger Cole

The Wellingore Messenger will be published quarterly in March, June, September and December



Grass cutting in the Parish in 2020

Wellingore Parish Council on behalf of its parishioners, attaches much importance to this activity as a means to promote and keep an attractive village environment. Currently the Parish Council is in the process of receiving tenders from companies quoting for the business for the next three year period to 2023 and the contract will be decided on and awarded at the March 2020

meeting in readiness for cutting to begin in April.

The map shows (in red and yellow) most but not all of the grass that will be cut under this tender. The Parish Council cuts grass on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council who in turn this year have assumed responsibility for some small areas previously cut by NKDC. In addition, the Parish Council requires the contractor to cut additional areas included in which are obviously the Playing Field and Millfield. But NKDC remain separately responsible for grass cutting much of the area around much of Cumberland Avenue.

More details can be obtained by emailing the Clerk at wellingoreclerk@live.co.uk

To report crime or antisocial behaviour **Tel: 101 in an emergency dial 999**

*Below are general contact numbers and must **not** be used to report crime or anti-social behaviour.*

- SGT Ken Whyte 07973 846537
- PCSO Paul Flannigan 07973845827
- PCSO Will Jones 07973846235



Good Neighbour Scheme

Many villages are setting up "Good neighbour schemes" to include things such as

- Collecting prescriptions and library books
- Companionship, help with shopping
- Dog walking
- Form filling
- IT support for the visually impaired
- Transport and support with social activities

It is the kind of thing we do already, but would it be helpful to give it some structure? Perhaps linked with our parish councils, churches and lunch clubs?



Dame Esther Rantzen, in Eltham, south east London, at the home of

Peggy Weaver CREDIT: CLARA MOLDEN

The January 2020 Tea@3

Our latest Tea@3, held in the Supper Room of Memorial Hall Wednesday January 22, 2020 was unusual in that the hosts had time and space to chat with the guests. Four people were there for the first time and everyone appreciated the friendliness and abundant delicious refreshments. Thank you WI. And thank you Parish Council for your moral and financial support. And thank you Village Hall Committee for the excellent facilities.

Please put the next teas on your calendar and pop in to meet neighbours you may not yet know. They are April 22, July 22, and October 21--always the fourth Wednesday of the month, every three months.

We are happy to be part of this collaborative activity that promotes neighbourliness in our village.

Thanks for your support and best wishes,

Dog fouling... please help

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is dangerous. The biggest threat to public health from dog excrement is toxocarasis

Symptoms include eye disorders, vague ache, dizziness, nausea, asthma and, in extremely rare cases, seizures/fits. Often the eggs are ingested when passed to the mouth by the hands, but this can also occur through contact with dogs or other inanimate objects including the wheels of toys and the soles of shoes. Infected soil samples are often found in play areas and as a result, toxocarasis most commonly affects children up to five years old.

Whose responsibility is it to clear away dog fouling?

It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog.

If you fail to clean up after your dog you can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, or if the case goes to court a fine of up to £1,000.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 applies to most areas within the district within Town and Parish boundaries to which the public has access.

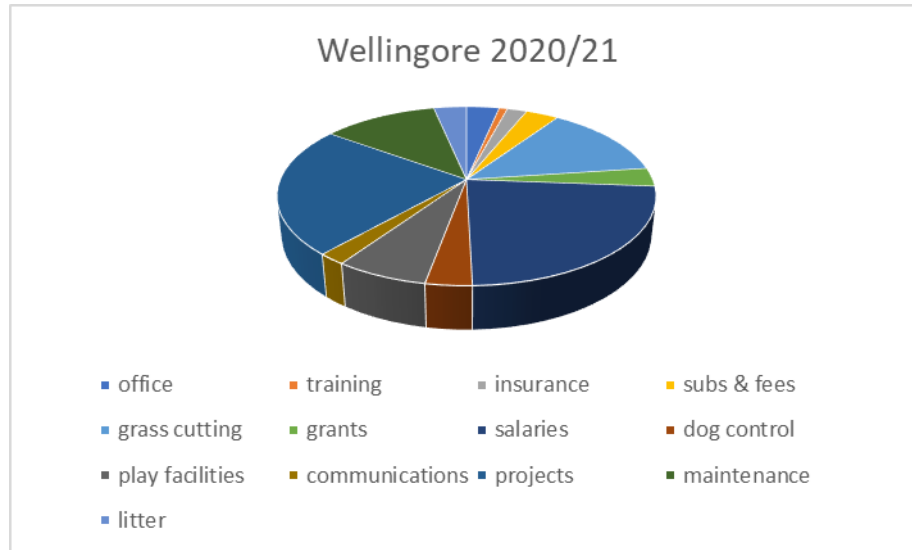


Fly-tipping is a crime



Parish Council finances.....

At the end of each calendar year the Parish Council considers a budget for the next financial year which begins in the following April. From this the Councillors sets a precept which is then money collected from ratepayers in the Parish via their Council tax payments.



In the year April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021 the precept claimed will be £26500 to support a budgeted expenditure of £31000 and the pie chart shows how the Parish Council will spend that money.

The Parish Council sets a priority on items such as grass cutting and the maintenance of facilities around the Parish such as the Children's Playground since it believes parishioners place a value on living in an environment which is both pleasant and cared for.

Do you agree?? Your Parish Councillors are keen to hear your view.

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday at Wellingore Hall.

All the meeting dates can be found on the Parish Council website at <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Wellingore/>

7 myths about Parish Councillors

You have to be old to be a Parish Councillor. Not so – but you must be at least 18.

It is better if you are male. Not so – parish councils must adhere to strict rules about discrimination such as this!!

Parish Councils are just talking shops

Talking shops?? Councillors must meet at least three times a year and will discuss items that have been listed by the Clerk on a published agenda. The Chairman of the Council will lead a meeting so that all Councillors can have their say on a matter in a constructive but succinct way so that decisions are reached in an efficient manner.

You have to be "in the know" to be elected as a Councillor

Just not so!! Again the rules are for you to be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; or be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union; and be at least 18 years old.

Also You must: be an elector of the parish; or in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the parish boundary.

You have to be some kind of expert

In what?? Councillors will usually come forward because they have a genuine desire to make a difference in some way to their local community.

Often Councillors might have some particular background/expertise that can be used by the Parish Council but it is not a requirement. Commonsense and goodwill might be the key attributes.

It takes up too much time

Wellingore Parish Council meets monthly usually on the second Monday of the month and the meetings last about two hours. Too much??

It is all too secretive

Absolutely not. Everything is open – transparency is the key

Wellingore Parish Council needs a new ninth Councillor—please join us