

The Mill Field: quarry, tip, allotments, playground, museum, source for recyclables, parish council project, craft and creativity site, rose garden, bee haven...

Walking to and from Navenby I often turn into the little wood by the former windmill, and enjoy the trees and the carvings and the quiet before coming out into the open part of the Mill Field. This morning the best part for me was the wild meadow area, so good for bees and butterflies and to look at with its white Queen Anne's Lace, purple clover, blue chicory and all shades of grasses. So this note is just to say thank you to all those who've worked on it over the years.

Wondering about its longer history, I collected the following information from some people who remember how it was, or have heard about it from others.

Phillip Almond who like his father was clerk of the Parish Council for many years, remembered playing as a boy in an abandoned Rolls Royce at the bottom of the old stone quarry. This must have been in the 1930s.

Others remember seeing allotments at the bottom of the quarry as they walked by in the 1950s. Others remember finding fossils in the walls of the quarry.

Some remember looking for bicycle wheels and other recyclable bits and pieces that their father put together to make things for them to play with. Another found bottles which he sold to the antique shop near the corner of Hall Street.

Another remembers that before 1956 Kesteven Council used to dump rubbish there. In those days garbage was left uncovered, so there were plenty of rats, which he and his mates enjoyed shooting with air rifles. One had an air rifle with a light on it so they could go shooting at night, – like the Lincolnshire poachers.

Later, when the tip had been covered over, there was an attempt to make a bowling green there, but the ground kept subsiding.

More recently the Parish Council had to clear out rubbish dumped by fly tippers

In 2010 NK Arts held a workshop offering opportunities in woodcarving and other crafts. Some of the carvings of birds are now alongside the path through the wood beside the field.

Ann Avery

All contributions for the next Messenger are welcome which will be printed in early 2021.

Email all your news items and events to wellingoreclerk@live.co.uk



The Wellingore Messenger

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Wellingore Parish Council News and Information

Help us keep Lincolnshire safe

- 1 Follow Government guidelines:**
Wash hands, Cover face, Make space
- 2 Get a test if you have:**
High temperature, New continuous cough, Change in sense of smell or taste
- 3 Book a test via:**
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119
- 4 If you have symptoms or test positive:**
Stay home for 10 days, Other members of your household should stay home for 14 days

We're here to help - call us on 01522 782189 or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp

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Communications and Instagram

As a Parish Council, we are trying a range of ways to communicate with our parishioners. We feel that this is important, now more than ever given current affairs. One of the methods we are trying is the use of Instagram to share images and information quickly, to communicate village updates and keep people up to date with events.

Follow us on Instagram at @wellingore_pc. If you have any lovely photos you would be happy for us to share please send them to us via our parish council email. If you have any community events, wellbeing and support groups or news you feel would benefit our parishioners, please let us know so we can share this.



In this issue of The Messenger we are introducing the first in a series of accounts together with supporting photographs, drawings or plans about Wellingore and its past.

We are very grateful to Ann Avery for following up her letter to the Parish Council about the Millfield, with a more detailed history of Wellingore Windmill itself.

Her account describes areas close to the mill today but also details how the land associated with the windmill once extended far into the village.

We were keen to support this first historical account believing that we would easily find photographs, drawings and paintings of the mill itself and we are delighted to share with you some of the best illustrations that we have found. But, there must be many more stored away in boxes and cupboards that we have not found. Perhaps this will prompt some of you to dig out from a bottom drawer somewhere, photos or other drawings and plans of the mill in years past which have long been forgotten.

If you can find anything about the mill and its past history which will add to Ann's story, please let our Clerk, Terry, know and we can then add your memories, records and other information to the Wellingore Windmill story and publish it for everyone to enjoy.

This leads me to explaining that in future issues we are going to feature other parts of the village illustrated with recollections and maps and pictures wherever possible. Future issues could feature landmarks past and present such as for example the Cross and the creation of the A607 as we know it today; schools in Wellingore and the sites on which they stood; how many pubs and hostels have there been; identifying buildings which today hold the secrets of their fascinating past uses such as meeting halls or places of worship; Wellingore Hall and its surrounding buildings reflecting its changing importance at the centre of the village over many years

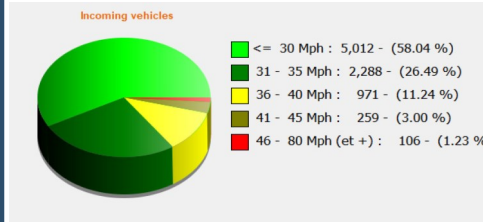
So with long winter evenings ahead, in order to fill in the hours under Covid lockdown could you find something, however small or apparently insignificant to share. Which in turn will give insight into life in Wellingore in past years
Roger Cole

The Parish Council have two traditional antique cast metal line markers for sale Suitable for use by any sports club for marking cricket and football pitches and tennis courts Any one interested please contact the Clerk for a viewing in Wellingore



I am sure most of you will have noticed by now we have a new speed detector. It is exactly the same as Navenby's. It has been in use since August 13th and there are currently three places it can be installed and they are: on Pottergate Road at the Wellingore/Navenby village sign, opposite the old Lawn Mower Services shop on the A607 and on the A607 at Wellingore Hill. We are also looking at up to three more places as well.

The batteries are rechargeable and last about 10 to 13 days. A lot of data can be downloaded in graphical form to indicate the amount of traffic and what speeds are being recorded. Car numberplates cannot be read. So far, the speeds being measured are not bad on the whole. We can switch of the indicator so only the speeds are recorded. Those numbers should show how much effect the detector is having.



What is happening with those potholes in West Street??

Following representations made by residents, the Parish Council and Councillor Overton Lincolnshire County Council has provided the following update.

Whilst it acknowledges the road to be poor aesthetically, the County Council has stated that the road condition meets with its current safety standards.

The County Council has stated that it has had to direct its limited resources to those roads across the County that are in more urgent needs of repair.

On a positive note the County Council has agreed that in the past some patching work could have been better, and has now highlighted West Street for a future resurfacing scheme.

The Parish Council shall continue to monitor progress on this.

A welcome to our new Parish Councillor.....

My name is Alison Stocks and I joined Wellingore Parish Council in August.

In July I retired from Lincolnshire police after 30 yrs service, working with the community of Lincoln. I worked mainly in the south area of the city , heading a local neighbourhood policing team and working alongside many partner agencies.

Becoming a Parish councillor seemed to be a logical step where I could continue to serve the community , but this time the one in which I live.

I have lived in Wellingore for 17 years with my husband and two sons, both of which attended local schools (Coleby Primary and Sir William Robertson Academy, Welbourn) They have since grown into adults and begun to fly the nest !

I love living in Wellingore and enjoy walking Freddie the Westie around the area and along the many countryside walks. We are so lucky to have such beautiful countryside and spectacular views from the cliff edge

My aim as parish councillor will be to keep Wellingore a safe and community spirited village to live in, retaining the small village appearance and history that the village holds.



Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a self employed person to undertake 10 to 15 hours of work a month carrying out light maintenance tasks.

Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details - wellingoreclerk@live.co.uk or 01476 516366

Cricket in Wellingore.....

Dear Readers,

I would like to thank the committee and enthusiastic regular users of The Memorial Hall for their hard work during the extensive refurbishment of The Hall these past few weeks. To date we have replaced the doors in the supper room, redecorated the bar and installed a new floor in the entrance hall. This was followed by replacing the storage heaters with new panel heaters, and painting the entrance hall gates. We all hope that you get to see the fruit of our labour when we fully reopen.

In addition to this, I am delighted to announce that following a Zoom meeting with The Parish Council we have been given permission to resurrect The Wellingore Cricket Club with matches at The Memorial Hall. We will be preparing the wicket over the winter, with a view to playing our first matches this coming Spring. We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing the pitch, and will be inviting people to help with the running of the club on match days in due course. In the meantime, please do look out for posters advertising the upcoming Wellingore Cricket Club meetings.

Initially, we will be looking to play local inter-village matches with a view to joining the league in due course. Our aim is to have the wicket ready for the late May Bank Holiday 2021, and to host a Wellingore vs Navenby cricket match on the Sunday with the Saturday put aside for a family fun day. We hope that this will be possible given the recent restrictions on public gatherings, and look forward to everyone meeting up at The Memorial Hall again soon.

With best regards,

Matt Gardiner

On behalf of The Wellingore Hall Committee



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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/>

What is the Purpose and main Objectives of Wellingore Parish Council?

Wellingore Parish Council represents what is known as the third tier of local government.

Tier 1 - Lincolnshire County Council is responsible for services to approximately 755 000 residents across the whole county including education, highways, social care, fire and rescue, libraries, trading standards and waste management

Tier 2: North Kesteven District Council - one of seven Lincolnshire local authorities delivering services to approximately 115 000 residents, including refuse collection and recycling, planning and building control, housing and environmental health, council tax and business rates, leisure and recreation facilities

Tier 3: Wellingore Parish Council making decisions on all kinds of issues that affect the local community. The most common topics the council gets involved with are maintenance of the playing field and play equipment, grass cutting and hedge trimming, planning applications (as we are statutory consultees), planning enforcement, highways (maintenance and speed calming), dog fouling and litter collection.

It is fair to say that in many cases the Parish Council has limited powers to make decisions on matters relating to services provided by other organisations. However, with the support of our district and county councillors we are able, where necessary, to negotiate with and in certain cases influence those other organisations that do make final decisions such as other tiers of local government, health authorities, police ect. Unlike Tier 1 and 2 organisations that have budgets of many millions of pounds, the council works with budgets of a few thousand pounds. Consequently, there is only a limited range of services and improvements that can be implemented each year. However, the Parish Council often seeks to obtain external funding which enables it, from time to time, to be a little more ambitious with its projects.

So within the context of services provided by the other tiers of local government, our limited finances and powers, the Parish Council has developed a Purpose Statement and a set of key objectives that it considers to be realistic.



Purpose Statement

To work collaboratively with all partners and local groups in order to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for people to live, work, visit and enjoy.

Key Objectives

- To engage, wherever possible, with residents to understand their needs and aspirations
- To be open and transparent in all communications, making the best use of all available forms of communications
- To provide a high standard of cost effective services within the resources and powers available
- To seek external funding wherever possible to extend and support the scope of activities in the interest of the community and/or community assets
- To encourage the preservation, promotion and conservation of both the natural and built environments.
- To encourage and promote play, leisure, sport and social activities within the village for the betterment of the local community