



Doddington & Whisby Parish Council News Autumn 2020

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Picture credit: Gillian Beale 'Autumn in Doddington'

COVID-19 The current state of crisis continues with regular changes to what is and is not allowed. Council members are profoundly aware of the challenges that we all face. If there is anything that we can do to help, please get in touch.

Specific guidance for the current situation will not be given here as it will be out of date by the time you read it. However, if you still need help for yourself or someone else from a community volunteer, please visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp or ring 01522 782189.

Website The shiny new parish council website has now been fully updated. Both old and new websites are hosted for us for free by Lincolnshire County Council. Changes have been required to meet new accessibility requirements. Most documents on the new site should be fully accessible; please let the clerk know if you spot any errors or documents that do not work correctly, especially if you are using a phone or tablet. The old website will be turned off by the end of 2020.

New website: doddington-whisby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Getting involved Residents have been in touch about the roadside verge at Eagle Moor. This issue has been passed on to Cllr Thompson and Lincolnshire County Council as they are responsible for highways matters.

Parish Council continues to push for a vehicle weight restriction on the B1190 through Doddington. Dr Caroline Johnson MP has now taken this up on our behalf with Baroness Vere, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department for Transport.

Council also continues to discuss possible solutions to problems with drainage and ditches. Comments are made on planning applications including the proposed changes to the rendering plan in Skellingthorpe and on any matters affecting the parish.

Do you have an interest in what is going on locally? Can you add your voice to the discussions and represent residents from Doddington and Whisby?

There are two vacancies.

Could you take one of these seats?

Please contact the Clerk to Council.

Congratulations go to our clerk, John Kilcoyne, who has now qualified with a **Certificate in Local Council Administration**.

Doddington and Whisby Parish Council has also been engaged in accreditation activities; an application has been sent to the National Association of Local Councils for peer assessment for the **Local Council Award Scheme, Foundation level**. This is a national qualification that shows that the council meets quality standards in a wide range of criteria. Hopefully this application will be approved by the time of the next newsletter.

Council meetings continue to be held via Zoom while public gatherings are restricted. We are usually joined by Cllr Thompson of Lincolnshire County Council and Cllr Overton from North Kesteven District Council. We have been pleased to welcome members of the public to our remote meetings.

Access codes for each meeting are published on the relevant agenda which is available from our website.

Parish event

We are still in a position where the date for a parish event cannot be set. However, we know there is demand for a social activity. Cllrs Gill Beale and Sandy Whiles have agreed to start planning an event now which can be scheduled when we are allowed to get together.

They'll be happy to have help. Have you got ideas? Can you help put plans together? Let the clerk know if you can offer some assistance.

Dog waste

This appears to be a problem on the Georgie Twigg track. NKDC have launched a new campaign with a poster designed by one of our younger residents in the district. If you are aware that this is an issue in any particular area of the parish, please let us know.



Volunteering opportunities

Two litter picking sessions have been held recently after the last event was cancelled in March. Nine volunteers were out in September and thirteen in October. Fly-tipping was picked up on both occasions and brought together for collection by North Kesteven District Council.

Our gratitude goes to Alastair and Isobel; Karen, Molly and Meg; Gill, Glynn, Helen, Janet, John, Julie, Mick, Nicky, Sandy and Sarah who have all helped out on these weekend collections, and to Samantha and Sarah who have each started to collect litter regularly when they walk around the parish. Thanks also goes to Doddington Hall who have offered vouchers for volunteers to be spent in their shops, a pleasant surprise for our participants as they didn't know this was available!



Parts of the parish do seem to attract items dumped, maybe because we have dark, secluded lanes. If you spot anything or can give any information about fly-tipping please report directly to NKDC <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/residents/living-in-your-area/environmental-protection/fly-tipping/>

We've had messages from volunteers saying how much they've enjoyed helping with the litter picking. Could you help next time? Get in touch with the clerk if you would like to be involved.

"The Christmas we didn't expect" at St Lawrence's Skellingthorpe & St Peter's Doddington

www.stlawrenceskellingthorpe.co.uk

13th December

Christingle Service
10.15am St Lawrence's
A service for all ages
interspersed with craft.

20th December

Carols by Candlelight
4pm St Lawrence's
7pm St Peter's

Christmas Eve

Family Nativity
4pm St Lawrence's
Children invited to come
dressed as angels,
shepherds or wise men.

Christmas Day

9am St Peter's
10.15am St Lawrence's

Please contact Frances to book for any of these services so we can ensure physical distancing and please don't forget to bring face masks! frances.clarke@hotmail.co.uk 01522 685487
In the meantime the church families of St Lawrence's and St Peter's send their warmest greetings!
You are welcome to join us each Sunday in person or online.