

DODDINGTON AND WHISBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held remotely at 7pm on Monday 12th April 2021.

Cllr Patrick chaired the meeting. Clerk to Council J Kilcoyne was in attendance.
There were 8 other attendees.

1	To receive the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2019 The minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on 13 th May 2019 were accepted as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman.												
2	To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council The Chairman provided a written report and spoke about: litter; speed limits; flooding; website; play area and S106 funding; a HGV ban; pedestrian crossing; Community Speedwatch; telephone kiosk; road signs and council vacancies. Volunteers assisting the Parish Council were thanked.												
3	To receive the clerk's report on finances The clerk reported as follows: <table><tr><td></td><td>Opening balance</td><td>Closing balance</td><td>Expenditure</td></tr><tr><td>2019-2020</td><td>£13,275</td><td>£13,190.99</td><td>£8,123.56</td></tr><tr><td>2020-2021</td><td>£13,190.99</td><td>£19, 776.42</td><td>£6,808.78</td></tr></table> Significant additional income for 2020-2021 included £3,978.75 Community Infrastructure Levy. Total precept 2020-2021 £8,895 2021-2022 £8,526.99 NKDC had changed the way calculations were made for the precept in 2021-2022. Council reduced the total budget to keep the cost for Band D properties level at £78.97 per year.		Opening balance	Closing balance	Expenditure	2019-2020	£13,275	£13,190.99	£8,123.56	2020-2021	£13,190.99	£19, 776.42	£6,808.78
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4	To receive a report from representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lincolnshire County Council Cllr Thompson provided a written report and spoke about the Lincoln Eastern Bypass, proposals for the North Hykeham relief road, public health; fire service fleet. The meeting discussed a proposal for a pedestrian crossing in Doddington to be considered by LCC in June. <ul style="list-style-type: none">North Kesteven District Council Cllr Overton reported on NKDC AGM; elections; postal voting; Thorpe on the Hill holding lagoon for liquid fertilizer; countryside code; litter.												
5	To receive a report from St Peter's Church Rev Sam Durant provided a written report and spoke about services, weddings and visiting the community.												
6	To thank volunteers who have assisted the Parish Council and community The Chairman dealt with this matter during his earlier report.												
7	To receive questions and comments from members of the public Nil												

Meeting closed 20:02

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Written reports for the Annual Parish Meeting

1. [Chairman's report, Cllr G Patrick](#)
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3. [St Peter's Church, Rev S Durant](#)

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Chairman's report year ending April 2021

LITTER, LITTER EVERYWHERE

We have long lamented the penchant of the British public to dump litter at the roadside. This filthy habit has been magnified during the last year of COVID conditions.

Fly tipping has also become worse as people have had time to clear out their stuff and then dump their old chairs, mattresses, record players etc etc on our quiet roads.

Presumably, these are the same people who come to the countryside at weekends to appreciate its beauty.

Needless to say, we are losing the battle against this tsunami of detritus. Undeterred, we planned two litter picks for this Spring, and WILL WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUR LITTER PICKING EFFORTS. Please look out for the notices.

The last litter pick took place on Sunday 28th March, and twelve lovely volunteers turned out. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them, including a few first timers – some of them are listed below.

The next litter pick is in April, and the Hall will again be offering a £5 voucher for all those who come and help. James Birch, on behalf of the Hall, offered vouchers in 2020, and we thank him for his ongoing support. He hopes to be able to help us pick litter in April.

At this point, I would like to thank Gill Beale who keeps our stock of equipment, bags etc and who turns out for every single litter pick along with Mick and Janet Cuniffe. Our clerk, John Kilcoyne and his wife Helen have also become regular members of the gang. We've been joined this past year by Sandy Whiles, Karen Underwood and family, Julie Foster, Nicky Cox, Mick Hogan, Alastair McMurray and his daughter. Sarah Moody and Samantha Bottom pick litter regularly for the community when they are out walking.

Please do tell your friends and neighbours how satisfying this work is, and that the results are there for all to see.

SPEED LIMIT

Our efforts to get a 40mph Speed Limit for Thorpe Road, Whisby have succeeded, and several residents have expressed their thanks and relief at the reduction in travel speeds.

FLOODING IN DODDINGTON

A long standing problem has resulted in flooding on Main Street and wet/flooded gardens on Lincoln Road. The Council has cleaned out the roadside gulleys, and we now await an imminent jetting out of the drains. Highways are helping us with this, and the Internal Drainage Board will work with Doddington Hall to ensure that the field dikes have the capacity to absorb run-off from the village. This will also help the houses in the the Paradise Row development.

PC WEBSITE

John has worked hard to get our new website up and running, and further development activity is ongoing.

PLAY AREA

It was planned that a Play Area complete with swings etc would be provided to the rear of the new Paradise Row houses under an S106 agreement. However, there are still relatively few small children in the Parish, and we are examining other ways to provide better benefit for all ages. Various options are being considered.

HGV BAN ON B1190

I joined the PC more than 12 years ago with the sole aim of achieving a 7.5 ton limit through Doddington village. We continue to make some progress, and our MP Dr Caroline Johnson is helping our efforts.

Highways continue to contend that the B1190 is a necessary link road, but it is evident that the road is dangerous for heavy lorries, as can be seen by the number of incidents which occur.

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A major difficulty has been that the cost for signage is said to exceed £100,000. The A46 end of the B1190 is the responsibility of Highways England and they are currently unwilling to take action. However, the A57 (Drinsey Nook) end is the responsibility of County Highways, and progress has been made towards achieving a scheme whereby the B1190 would become weight limited from Drinsey Nook southwards through Doddington. i.e. a 7.5 ton weight limit in one direction.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

There is also progress on the proposal for a crossing in Doddington village, and this will be discussed at County level in the coming months.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

We shall be re-starting the Community Speed Watch scheme in April. This is where parishioners use the speed gun to record excessive speed and provide the results to the Police. Please come forward if you would like to be trained to carry out this work (a team of 3 people is required and each work session usually takes up 90 minutes).

Those already trained by Sgt Ken Whyte include Gill and myself, Mick and Janet Cuniffe, Mike Thompson, John Kilcoyne, Mick Hogan, Trevor Robbins, Elaine and Mike Ramsey and Madeleine Waplington.

Social distancing etc have kept CSW to a minimum in the last year, but we expect to start again soon. We are able to work in 30mph and 40mph areas. We have all the kit which includes signage and high viz clothing.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Parish Clerk, John Kilcoyne.

DODDINGTON PHONE KIOSK

With the assistance of a few willing neighbours, including Mick and Alf, with materials provided free of charge by Witham Oil and with Jim's sand blasting and painting skills, we now have a smart looking asset in the village. It cost £1 to buy from BT and is now worth around £3,000).

It is intended to be an information point and a book exchange (one book in and one book out). However, we have had to get rid of large volumes of books which have been dumped on us anonymously three times in as many months – refer Litter above.

SIGNS AND CHEVRONS

Various road traffic accidents have resulted in signs being destroyed or damaged. These have been reported to Highways through the Fix My Street website and action is awaited. These are the large road traffic sign in Doddington village, those at the B1190/ Black Lane crossroads and the warning chevrons at Top House Farm corner.

PARISH COUNCIL

We still have two vacancies on the parish council, and the new fiscal year is a great time to get involved. You can make a difference in our small community.

In closing this Report, I would like to thank those who have helped the Chairman over the last 12 months, Gill and fellow Parish Councillors, Clerk John Kilcoyne who keeps us on the straight and narrow, County Councillor Mike Thompson and District Councillor Peter Overton, both of whom contribute to our meetings and to the workings of the Parish.

I must also mention Jenny Bailey who runs a team of people in NKDC Sleaford, and they help us with fly tipped items and the piles of bags etc which result from our litter picks. We thank her for her willing help and close cooperation.

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Chairman

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LCC report to Annual Meeting of Doddington and Whisby Parish Council 12 April 2021

Lincolnshire County Council is now in the Pre-Election restriction period before the Election of a new full Council on 6th May. Whilst postal votes have been encouraged, Polling Stations will be open under Covid safe conditions.

The last year has been a very different and difficult one for us all, but Officers and staff working for the County Council have adapted to the challenges and essential services have been maintained with additional community support provided where needs have been identified.

The beginning of the council year in April brought in changes in management arrangements and Highways contracts. Although the full effects of these have been delayed by the pandemic, they are beginning to work through and local managers have been keen to work with communities to understand local issues. Perhaps not in the way we would have hoped by having face to face meetings, but hopefully these will be possible in the not too distant future. A major achievement was the completion of the Lincoln Eastern By-Pass. Agreement to move forward on the final phase with the North Hykeham relief road project is also very welcome.

County Public Health has been very much involved with measures to protect residents. Covid19 measures have been a priority with regular advice and updates from the Director and colleagues in initiating these and more recently in support of the NHS vaccination programme. Where appropriate, however, Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny has continued to hold the NHS in Lincolnshire to account.

Other initiatives over the last year have seen environmental issues given priority with the development and publication of LCC Green Master Plan and measures put in place within the council to review activities and to reduce the carbon footprint, including the installation of Solar PV cells on the roof of County Offices. A new fleet of Scania Fire Appliances has been commissioned to provide the most fuel efficient and modern in the country.

I hope this report gives you an indication of how the County Council has continued working over the last year. There have been serious effects on ways in which this has been carried out, but opportunities have arisen to reflect and adapt to more forward more effectively on your behalf.

Mike Thompson
Lincolnshire County Council

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St Peter's, Doddington – April 2021

I began as Rector of St Lawrence's Skellingthorpe and St Peter's Doddington in May 2019.

Most of my time has been spent working with St Lawrence's Skellingthorpe since it is larger and that is where there has been growth and more momentum to build on.

At St Peter's, before the Covid-19 pandemic - there had been approximately 10 services a year with the occasional funeral service and an increasing number of weddings.

From the start, I have enjoyed a good relationship with ~~the~~ Justine Shakespeare and the Wedding Team at Doddington Hall; they have pointed people in my direction who have expressed an interest at being married in the church. This has been fertile ground for partnership between St Peter's and St Lawrence's as potential couples usually have to make a connection by attending church regularly and have done this predominantly at St Lawrence's as there are weekly services.

Covid-19 of course derailed many couples' wedding plans, but I've no doubt enquiries will continue to be high!

Before the pandemic, I was getting my feet under the table and enjoying taking part in services such as Carols by Candlelight. We have had very few services since the pandemic – most notable socially distanced Harvest, Carols, Good Friday and Easter not to mention a wedding and one or two funerals. It has also been difficult for our PCC to meet.

Nevertheless, I have begun a monthly tour round Doddington village getting to know people and delivering a brief letter. This usually contains something about an upcoming service and what is going on via St Lawrence's in the way of livestreaming, services in person and outreach.

My own passion is to teach people about Jesus; that he died on the cross to save us and is alive today making His power and presence available to all who humble themselves before Him. I am all eyes and ears as to how He wishes to use St Peter's and who he sends to aid in building up the church family here so that we can love and serve better and continue sharing His good news of salvation.

Rev Sam Durant

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