

Doddington and Whisby Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Held at The Grain Store, Doddington Hall

28th May 2024 at 7pm

Present: Councillors Gillian Beale, Mick Cunniffe, Sarah Hall, Mark Hollingworth

Also present Councillor Richard Johnstone (NKDC), Councillor Alan Briggs (LCC), Reverend Sam Durant, Kerrie Vickers (Parish Clerk)

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Goldson (NKDC)

Councillor Hall chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 22nd May 2023 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

2. Chair's Report

Appendix A

3. To receive a report from representatives.

Councillors had been newly elected and therefore no report from the previous year

- a. Lincolnshire County Council

- b. North Kesteven District Council

Appendix B

4. To receive a report from St Peter's Church.

Appendix C

5. To receive questions and comments from members of the public

No members of the public in attendance.

Meeting concluded at 7.30pm

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Appendix A

Doddington & Whisby Parish Council

Chairmans Report May 2024

Parish Councillors

We currently have five Parish Councillors following two resignations and two co-options during the last year. Emily Mathers was Chair for most of the year before resigning in March. We thank Emily for all her work on the council.

Parish Clerk

Sue Aikman was a clerk until March 2024, she has left us in a better organisational state than she found us, and we thank her for her work during the year. Kerrie Vickers joins us today and we look forward to working with her.

Parish Council Focus

The parish council has continued to focus on traffic volume and speed through the village and flooding on Main Street. Progress with other public bodies is slow but we will continue to make representations with the relevant people.

A temporary pelican crossing is due to be installed during the summer months so that we can better understand the impact on traffic flow and residents.

Litter and Fly tipping.

Both continue to be an issue in the vicinity, trying to organise a litter pick this autumn proved difficult, but the aim is to continue to organise these when possible.

Fly tipped items are removed promptly when reported to NKDC.

Defibrillator

The cabinet was replaced this year and a contract put in place to have the defibrillator checked monthly by LIVES.

Sarah Hall

Chair – Doddington & Whisby Parish Council

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District Councillor Report Annual PC Meeting

NKDC has made some significant achievements during the year.

Climate Change initiative- The target for both the Council and the District is to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Support to residents to achieve a 90% level for right materials in right bins. Successful continuation of 'Purple bins' programme. Reviewing Climate Emergency Action Plan annually. 195 solar panels installed on Council Offices with a reduction in Council electric bill by 21% and saving of 14 tonnes of CO2 a year. Numerous programmes to support householders & businesses to connect to grants & opportunities to boost energy and cut carbon. 4 new electric vehicles onto the road for our waste fleet.

Communities—Flooding – working with Resilience Forum and partners to promote individual & parish level sign up to flood alerts. Some difficulty in focussing responsible bodies to act collectively to solve problems are ongoing. Supported the creation 'warm hub' networks.

Homes- Won the coveted national recognition -the LGC Award for Housing for the Councils approach in building better homes. Brought back into use 20 long term empty homes. £22m spend on upgrading council owned properties—ground source heat pumps installed in many. With 200 of the 600 retrofitted, across 40 NK villages. Over the last 14 years to April 2024 - 563 new or regenerated homes in Sleaford & Hykeham and many villages. Including the efficient Passivhaus technologies.

Council - now managing the new designated boundary changes with expanded Ward covering Skellingthorpe, Eagle & Swinethorpe, North Scarle & Doddington & Whisby. The Council has 43 Councillors and continues to have a Conservative majority currently at 25 Conservatives, 11 Lincs Independents, 5 non-political Independents, of which Chris & I are 2 and 2 Labour.

Completed creation and approval of the new Central Lincs Local Plan Lincolnshire (CLLP) on which our Planning decisions are based. This provides for a greener future for the area through to 2040.

The Council continues with a prudent management process, and we are proud that the future looks stable and secure., (unlike a number of Council who find themselves in severe difficulty (Birmingham/Nottingham etc)

Please keep reporting Odours, Noise & Air Quality -

NKDC = <http://bit.ly/2HiCXwO> Plant Direct - 01522 682626

EH Contact phone number: 01529 308287/308308 day/night. ehteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk

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Pot holes - Fix my Street = <http://bit.ly/2Zoikp3> LCC = <http://bit.ly/2KOgrxV>

For further information and assistance - please contact:

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Report on St Peter, Doddington – May 2023-May 2024

Over the last year St Peter's has continued a pattern of 7 worship services a year. One of these is the Carols by Candlelight service during Advent which was attended by over 100 people. This year we were delighted to involve the City of Lincoln Brass Band as well as making use of the organ as normal. Last year we involved a harpist! The event was followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Coach House and was, all-in-all a great success. Attendance at the other services ranges between 5 and 20, with a different group of people each time.

There continue to be a healthy number of weddings at St Peters. 7 since this time last year. 3 more in the summer. 3 planned so far for 2025 and one for 2026. This is a lovely way to dovetail with the Hall. Often people come to me after having decided to have their reception at the Hall and I then talk them through how to create a qualifying connection with us – if they don't already have one. This involves worshipping in the benefice (i.e. at St Lawrence's, Skellingthorpe, regularly for a period of 6 months). Some have also done the Alpha course with us – an introduction to Christianity, we sometimes put on a marriage prep day in May and one half of a couple has currently joined a darts and discipleship evening that I host. This is a great way in which St Lawrence's and St Peter's partner together.

It is also true that a lot of people do visit the church while as the Hall open it when the Hall is open. Lots of people write in the visitors' book and we have created a guided tour around the church that tells some interesting things about the building as well as walking people through the Bible's message of salvation in Jesus.

Recently – and spearheaded by Antony Jarvis – we have created a notice board to stand in a better position on the route between hall and church and this tells when services are on. (This can also be found on a page on the St Lawrence skellingthorpe website and, for things like the carol service, we piggyback on the Hall's social media). Antony is also commissioning a wooden font cover.

Looking to the future, it has to be noted that St Peter's does not operate as a Parish church in the way that a Parish church used to as a place where the local community meets to worship; our services are attended by a mixture of people each time who have some connection or interest but are not from the village. Nor does it operate as a usual church family since service are so few and the attendance different each time. It seems to me that St Peter's will be at its best in this new season as what I like to call a 'gospel outpost' making the most of the connection with the Hall to put on quality arts and music events with an opportunity within these to share the gospel. James and Clare are willing to bring the maintenance of the fabric of the church under the Hall's umbrella, which would work into this vision as well.

What is needed is a new group of people – since our PCC is dwindling – who are able to catch this vision with me; who are committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and excited about the unique opportunity the Hall and Church combination presents!

Rev Sam Durant (Rector)

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