

Belchford and Fulletby Parish Council Newsletter December 2023

Parish Council Meeting Report Thursday 21st September

The meeting started with a public forum, where discussion included the state of the roads (various issues to be reported by the clerk to Fix my Street) a report from a Biodiversity group leading project on chalk streams and enthusiastic discussion on clearing the Ings Lane Bridleway.

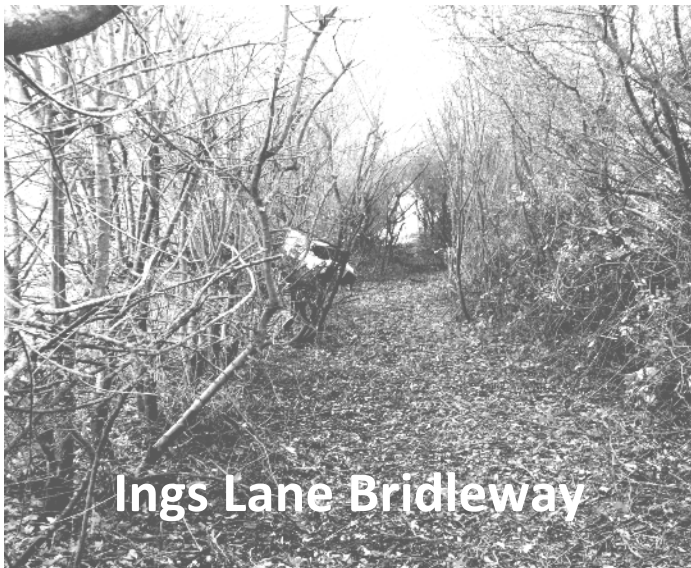
The agenda included a reports from District Councillor D Simpson, the Village Green committee and an update on highway matters as a site visit has taken place with PT in attendance and LCC Highways representatives plus LRSP. The village was walked to inspect drains and road edges and road condition. A thorough Survey is to be carried out. Once the officer's report has been done he will contact us and the Lincolnshire Council.

It was noted that community woodland is now developing well and beginning to look like a area with trees, not a grassy field. The trees that have not survived the dry conditions of last year will be replaced and grant funding for deer protection of larger trees will be looked into by Cllr Smith.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing and will be available for residents and stakeholders to examine and comment on for 2 months from the 1st of October till the 1st of December.

Other things discussed were footpaths and rights of way, possible signage of the location and any service agreement of the village Defibrillators.

Note : Defibrillators are available for use from the Blue bell Inn gable wall and Fulletby Church



Ings Lane Bridleway

The strength of Village Volunteer efforts!

During two weeks in November, with the permission of the Landowners, a small group of volunteers from Belchford, led by Dawn Urry, Zach Henden, Dick Black and Peter Thompson, cleared the heavy growth of thorn bushes from a 500 metre section of the historic route of the Ings lane Bridleway, which links Belchford to the Bluestone Heath Road. This has made the bridleway properly passable again for the first time in 14 years. The flooding near the ford on Ings Lane has also been worked on by members of the same team, making this section walkable again. Many thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help with this project.

Belchford & Fulletby
Over 60's Christmas Lunch

At the
Blue Bell Inn

14th December at 12 noon

3 course meal funded by Belchford Co op
Glebe Charity and The Parish Council.

Further details and bookings please contact

Val on

01507 534322 or 07825 176177

Dates for your Diary

Parish Council meetings

7.30 at the Village Hall
January 18th 2024

Village Hall Meeting

To be decided!... look out on
the notice board and What's
App group for details...

The village hall is looking for
a treasurer and committee
members if you are
interested please contact
Sue 01507 533344

Toddlers group

Last group 15th December
Re-opening 5th January.

Hedgelaying Course

In Fulletby
2nd and 3rd of December
Tel 07958 805213

Belchford & Fulletby Plan

**Our draft Neighbourhood Development
Plan is published on the NDP website**
<https://belchfordandfulletbyplan.org>

The present consultation will close on
the 1st of December. Then further
documents will be completed, illustrating
the range of consultation that has been
carried out by the team and then it will
be submitted by ELDC to an independent
external examiner for approval, prior to
holding a referendum to integrate the
plan into local planning law.

If you would like to join the
Belchford What's App group
text Jill on 07917110614
just for bits of local info and alerts!

Belchford

Church News

Fulletby

Morning Praise & Carols 10th December 10 am

Evening Carol Service 14th December 6.30 pm

Evening Carol Service 15th December 6.00 pm

Morning Praise 7th January 10 am

Village Green Report

This year we have had a series of events, supported by many locals and people from further afield. We are grateful to all those villagers who made goodies for the events or helped us erect the gazebos - these events would not have happened without these helpers.

These events are primarily about bringing our community together, but the yoga, rounders and car boot have raised a total of £534. Last week we had a meeting to discuss next year, and our plans for events. We have decided to work hard on two big events, rather than several smaller events to concentrate our efforts. We really need more people to help us create these events, so we would like to invite people to join our Village Green Committee, or just get involved with one event that you feel passionately about. Please speak to any of us if you would be willing to help at the future events.

We also decided that it would be great to have a bandstand style building that would give dog walkers and children somewhere to shelter and gather – any monies raised at our events can go to this. Nancy and Katy will now take the lead on getting the playground progressed. We are also exploring the possibility of opening part of the stream to create a beach area for kids and dogs to play on - watch this space!

We had discussed a Christmas party in the pub, and we are grateful to Darren and Flip for offering their support. We have decided not to hold one this year, but we are happy to look at one for next year if the village would like such an event.

So, the events are-

- 1) Village Fete– one large event to be bigger and better than the ones we have done before with music, food stalls and local businesses given the chance to come and sell their goods. Date set for 29th June.
- 2) Rounders match – we will do more advertising to get more teams – anyone fancy being the ref? Date set for 15th September.

We also want to thank the Parish Council for arranging 6 new fruit trees for the VG- arriving in January. Again, thanks to all for your help and support this year.

Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and NY The VG Committee.

Contacts for Local Groups

Fitness Classes Ellie 07398 255832
Yoga Group Miranda 07973 123756
Parent & Toddlers: Sue Murfin 533344
Belchford Church warden: Neil 07733011046
Fulletby Church warden: Paul 07939 297774
Sewing & Crafts for All: Val 534322 Or 07825 176177
Village Hall: Bookings Secretary: Sue Murfin 533344

Parish Councillors: Peter Thompson (Chairman),
Ian Goodal and Jill Newby (Vice-Chairmen),
Nigel Briggishaw (Responsible Finance Officer),
Paul Morris, Kris Skalka, Miranda Brown, Katy
Hockham ,Nancy Sorenti and John Smith
Full contact details for all councillors on council
website

(<https://belchford-fulletby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>)

CHURCH LOTTERY

As an interesting fund raiser for Belchford church for on going repairs and maintenance, We are still hoping to have a **Church Lottery... this would involve Participants putting in £30 every 6 months to be part of a monthly draw of 3 prizes £25, £10 and £5 !!** if you are interested in taking part **Please text fill in the slip and drop it to : Neil Burnside, Main Road**

Church Lottery

Name Contact Number

Address