

# Belchford & Fulletby Autumn Newsletter 2024

## Parish Council Meeting Report Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The parish council co-opted a new member at the meeting, Mr Paul Barnes, who is the South Ormsby Estate Manager. Thanks were offered to Mrs Newby for re-painting the village signs and to Mr Goodall for his work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. A report was received from our District Councillor Mr D Simpson about the local plan changes due to the change in Government. Other topics discussed at the meeting included the Pig Hanging Tree, potholes and the recent Highways officers visit. The clerk is also to provide detailed costs for Community Speed Watch equipment and also Pole Mounted Speed Devices for the next meeting. Ideas for Community Projects were requested. Use of the Community Woodland was also discussed and whether we could monitor the wildlife species which use the area.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st November

Report by Karen Elliot Clerk

## CHURCH AUTUMN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Come along to Belchford Church on Friday 8th November at 7pm

and enjoy a

concert featuring members of the Louth Male Voice Choir

(who form the "Octangle" acapella group)

and an ensemble of musicians

from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle.



Tickets are only £10 (under 16s free) and if the music alone does not tempt you, there will be wine, soft drinks, tea and biscuits at half time.



We will also run a chocolate raffle.



If that is not enough for you, then you will be supporting two great causes, Cancer Research and the Belchford Church Maintenance Fund.

Tickets (preferably bought in advance) and more information from Martin at Rosedene - Tel: 07734 703697 Email: mrmartinrayson@gmail.com

## Would you be interested in a party at the Blue Bell at New Year?

As the evening falls on a Tuesday, the pub would normally be closed, but Darren and the team have offered to open if the villages want a party.

If the demand is there, we can create a great evening for all ages.

Please express your interest and ideas to

Katy Hockham on 07792 869530.



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## Belchford Christmas Lunch 2024

for the 65 & over age group

Venue: The Bluebell

Date: Thursday December 5th

Time: 12 for 12.30pm

Please note- We are taking bookings for age 65 & over to start with & then may open it up to a younger age group nearer the time when we see what numbers we have. To book your place please call

Val 07825176177

or Flip 07721611901

**URGENT** The Village Hall

is requiring new committee members.

They meet about 4 times a year & the next meeting will be in January 2025.

Please email suemurfin@btinternet.com

If you could give a little time to this useful cause. THANK YOU ALSO

Would villagers be interested in a 'Pop Up' Chiropodist clinic in the Village hall? Text or Ring Dick on 07843 658960 If you would like to see this service :)



### Community Woodland

Hayes Furlong Wood; Belchford and Fulletby's Community Woodland has continued to develop through the spring and summer of 2024. Many thanks to John Smith for mowing paths and rides through the new trees, making the woodland a lovely place for a quiet walk for solitary enjoyment or group events with

fabulous views across the Wolds. There's also a place to shelter from the wind and take a rest. The Woodland is open all the time for everyone to enjoy. Most of the Community Woodland area was previously an arable field and this space is being allowed to regenerate naturally. We are seeing more birds, small mammals and wildflowers each year. Parish Councillors Peter Thompson and Paul Barnes are considering working with local conservation groups and looking to use new technology to track bird, mammal and other species numbers visiting this new diverse woodland and conservation area. This will help us measure the success of everyone's effort to make this a centre piece of excellence for a newly created woodland, wetland and community space for all to enjoy.

**Speeding in Belchford**  
The technical data recording equipment was located on a telegraph pole outside number 7 Church View which commenced on the 14th August 2024. It continued for a full seven-day period. We have had the results back from the Data Collection Analyst. We will be adding this to the agenda for the next PC meeting and we will then share the data. please come along. The meeting will be held on the **21st November 2024** **Belchford Village Hall** at 7.30pm



### 2024 Village Picnic & Apple Tree Auction

The 2024 Fulletby village gathering was held on the Glebe Field on Sunday 18th August and we held our first Apple Auction – somewhat a misnomer as the main fruiting trees this year are pears and plums. The idea is that individuals who sponsor a tree can harvest their tree's crop for that year. In this first year we auctioned off five lots and raised £85. We hope that this will be an annual event and make a significant contribution to funding our outgoings.

### Introduction of our new Parish Councillor Paul Barnes.

Being elected as a parish councillor for Belchford and Fulletby is a remarkable honour and privilege. I have lived in the village for the last 5 years with my wife Jo, our two children Hugh and Verity and our two dogs, Biscuit and Rupert.

For my day job I am the Estate Manager for South Ormsby Estate and previously managed The Stenigot Estate and I grew up not too far away in the village of Bilsby. Jo works as a primary school teacher in Horncastle and the children attend one of the local schools. Those that have lived in and around the village for many years may have known my grandparents, Bill and Laura Whittaker whom themselves lived here and supported the village for many years.

I am very passionate about the countryside and this role offers a unique opportunity to address local issues, enhance the quality of life, and contribute to the village's development in all areas. Together with the other parish councillors, I hope we can preserve Belchford and

Fulletby's charm while ensuring its growth and prosperity. I look forward to serving our wonderful community and making a meaningful impact in both village's future.

To join the **Belchford & Fulletby What's App group** Text Jill on 07917110614 just for bits of local info & alerts!

### Two Picnic Tables:

At the end of 2023, our East Lindsey District Councillor, Daniel Simpson, supported Fulletby Glebe Field's application for a grant of £400 to pay for two picnic tables, placed in the field in July. Belchford and Fulletby Parish Council donated the proceeds of the 2024 Lane Letting to the Fulletby Glebe Field. A record £339 was raised enabling us to get not only a bench but a plaque as well, which reads, "Donated by Belchford & Fulletby Parish Council Lane Letting 2024"

### Contacts for Local Groups

Fitness Classes (Mon, Wed evenings) Ellie 07398 255832  
Yoga Group (Thurs mornings) Sue 07941 009154  
Yoga Group (Tues evening) Miranda 07973 123756  
Parent & Toddlers: Sue Murfin 533344  
Belchford Church warden: Neil 07733011046  
Fulletby Church warden: Paul 07939 297774  
Sewing & Crafts for All: Val 07825 176177  
Village Hall: Bookings : Sue Murfin 533344

**Parish Councillors:** Peter Thompson (Chairman), Ian Goodall and Jill Newby (Vice-Chairmen), Paul Morris, Kris Skalka, Miranda Brown, Katy Hockham, Nancy Sorenti, Paul Barnes & John Smith  
Full contact details for all councillors on council website  
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