

Belchford & Fulletby Newsletter

December & January 2022/23



Dates for your Diary

Parish Council meetings – 19th January, 16th March, 18th May, 20th July, 21st September & 16th November 2023

Church Services – Belchford 11th December @ 10am, Carol Service Belchford 21st December Christmas Eve 9pm @ St Margaret's, Hemingby and Christmas Day 10am @ All Saints, West Ashby Fulletby 10am Sunday 22nd January

Belchford and Fulletby Parish Council Report from November Meeting 2022

The parish council meeting was held in the village hall and was well attended. Matters discussed in the public forum included hedge cutting and a suitable location for the now completed Jubilee embroidery. New locks are to be installed in the Belchford Notice Board and a new bin is to be ordered for Fulletby Glebe field. Dates were agreed for the 2023 parish council meetings and parish council funds are to be allocated towards the over 60's meal on 15th December. Other topics discussed included the Pig Hanging Tree, Rights of Way applications and items for the next newsletter. The parish council members agreed to increase the precept for 2023-2024 by 5%.

King Charles III Coronation – Village Bank Holiday Event on Monday 8th May 2023

The Parish Council discussed the Bank Holiday on 8th May 2023 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. It was decided that it would be a good idea to have a village event on that day to celebrate the occasion. Villagers are invited to volunteer their help and put forward ideas during the Public Forum at the start of the next meeting of Belchford & Fulletby Parish Council, which is scheduled to take place at Belchford Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th January 2023.

Belchford & Fulletby Village Green Play Area

The Parish Council has decided to apply for grant funding and planning permission for a children's play area, to be sited on part of Belchford Village Green. This project is at a very early stage and the Parish Council is planning to set up a sub-committee to move the scheme forward. Villagers who are interested in getting involved practically, or who have ideas about the type and style of equipment required for the play area are invited to either contact one of the Parish Councillors, or attend the next Parish Council meeting in Belchford Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th January 2023, when they will be able to put forward their ideas during the Public Forum at the start of the meeting.

Belchford Church

Christmas

Carol Service

Wednesday

December 21st

at 7pm

Everybody welcome

Scrumptious Refreshments

Over 60's Christmas Lunch
at the Blue Bell Inn

Thursday the 15th December at 12 noon

A funded gathering by the
 Neave Charity, Parish Council and Solar Coop
 for all Belchford and Fulletby Residents over 60

If you wish to come please
 contact Val 01507 534322 / 07825 176177
 ASAP as places are limited

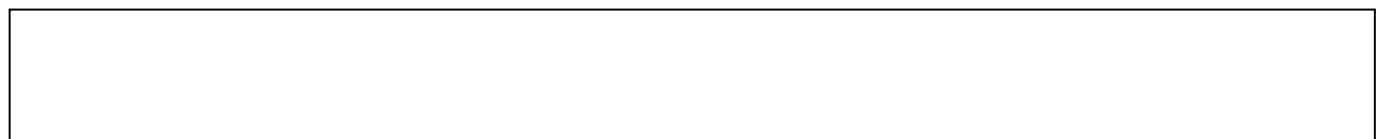


TREES IN OUR VILLAGES

Like many residents I value the trees in our neighbourhood. Along with the environmental benefits, the trees are a key element to the character of each village. It may surprise you to know that other than the trees in the grounds of the two churches, none of the trees have any official protection. The Parish Council will be asking the ELDC forestry officer to assess the trees in our two villages and advise if any merit a tree protection order (TPO). In particular, the Sycamore tree at the junction of Furlong Lane and Narrow Lane, known as the "Pig Hanging Tree". because of its historic use and the maturity of this tree merit consideration for protection. If there are any other trees that you consider worthy of protection, please let your parish councillor know. This topic will be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting.

Public Footpaths and Rights of Way Update

Previous newsletters have reported on the Government's ongoing public consultation to establish a definitive map of public footpaths that would be protected by law. The original cut-off date of 2026 has been scrapped. The Ramblers Association has co-ordinated research into lost Rights of Way (RoW) as part of their 'Don't Lose Your Way' campaign and has mapped over 49,000 miles of these paths, many of which were established as legal paths in the Enclosure Acts of the 18th and 19th centuries. The Ramblers Association is now applying to reinstate many of these old RoW across the country, including our parishes of Belchford and Fulletby. Whilst the process to consider RoW applications will take time and each individual application will be judged on its merits, the Parish Council will be a consultee in the process. Whilst the extension of the public RoW network will increase access to the countryside for all, it is seen as contentious by some. The Parish Council will be discussing its approach to this subject in an agenda item in the next public meeting on Thursday 19th January. Parishioners who are particularly interested in this issue should contact their Parish Councillors in the first instance and are encouraged to attend the next Parish Council meeting, where they may have their say in the public forum.



Contacts for Local Groups

Felting and Contemporary Textiles Group Karen 07731755033

Parent and Toddlers: Sue Murfin on 533344

Table Tennis Club: Peter Hughes on 533322

St Peters & St Paul's Church, Belchford: Church Warden – Barbara, tel 01507 534120

Village Hall: Bookings Secretary Sue Murfin on 533344

Parish Councillors:

John Smith (Chairman), Peter Thompson (Vice-Chairman), Nigel Briggingshaw (Responsible Finance Officer),
 Miranda Brown, Ian Goodall, Paul Morris, Jill Newby, Kris Skalka, Rob Short and Zach Hendon.

Full contact details for all councillors can be found on the parish council website

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