

Belchford and Fulletby Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 2023

Parish Council Meeting Reports and updates

AGM 18th May 2023

The election of officers resulted in Peter Thompson being elected as Chairman, Ian Goodall and Jill Newby as joint Vice Chairs, and Nigel Briggishaw Responsible Finance Officer.

Immediately followed by PC Meeting.

The new Chairman led the meeting. Which included a review of the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders, and praise of the successful dog waste bins scheme. The Public Purpose Charity fund awarded grants to village groups and projects.

Updates on planning matters, the Village Green, the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Woodland were considered.

Annual Parish Meeting

20th May at Belchford Church.

A sunny warm day allowed this meeting to be held outside in the church grounds. It was a jovial and productive gathering with many new ideas and projects put forward for this year. Reports from both village churches and groups were discussed.

The election on 4 May brought some changes to Belchford and Fulletby Parish Council. John Smith stood down as Chairman. Zach Henden and Rob Short decided not to stand for re-election. The Council would like to thank them for all the hard work each of them did for the community during their time in office. Two new people have joined the Council and we are delighted to welcome Katy Hockham and Nancy Sorenti to the team.



Village Green Update

Thanks to all who came to the Coronation Event on Village Green and to all those who supported the event by lending us the beautiful bunting, to mowing the grass- all the help is much appreciated by all. It was so lovely to see so many people having fun on our green in the sunshine.

Our Dance on the Community woodland was also a great success with 28 people signing up, including 5 villagers. We had people from Lincoln and Skegness too- most of whom had never been to Belchford before. They have asked to do another sunset event on the 29th June, please sign up on [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) to attend. Thank you to John Smith for mowing the grass.

Our Yoga for all abilities was on the 11th June - The yoga were teachers were very welcoming and a good crowd of people attended.

Next we have the Village Green car boot sale on the 16th July. More details to follow on what's app and our lovely new blackboard.

We would love your ideas for events as we want to have something for everyone. We've had suggestions for a Christmas party, a monthly Sunday walk, coffee catch ups in the Village Hall and many more..Thanks to all again. **The VH Committee**



Henry Winn Guided Village Tour & Exhibition was held on Saturday 3rd June as part of the Wolds Outdoor Festival.

A successful day with decent weather. 42 people attended the tour and afterwards tea & cakes were served in the church. We raised just over £100 for the church. Thanks to all who helped organise the event and provide refreshments.



Parish Council Historic Lane Letting Fund Raiser

Peter Thompson the newly elected Chairman of the Parish Council decided this year to promote the Annual Lane Letting auction which dates back to the 1800's and Belchford & Fulletby Enclosure Acts as a fund raiser. In years gone by the verges gave non-landowners access to small areas of land for grazing and hay making for their animals. This year it was a bit of fun to 'buy' a lane for the season and raised £280 for goal posts on the Village green. Thank you to everyone who rented a lane.

Belchford Church News

Just a reminder that the church is open daily for refreshments and a potter round the building and grave yard.

The Church Committee is looking for new members who can offer help with its physical upkeep and with the paperwork ! Please contact Neil - Chairman/Church Warden 07733011046 or Charlotte - Secretary 0791787390

Belchford Church Service this summer will be July 30th at 10am Everybody welcome with refreshments afterwards.

The Committee is hoping to begin a fund raising lottery and is looking forward to another tractor run and Open Church weekend.



Entry Form

Booking in from 8.30 to start at 10am at Glebe Farm Yard Belchford
Name
Address.....

Tractor make and year.....
Mobile phone
Email.....

Cheques made payable to Belchford Church
(£18 per driver passengers £10)

Return form to Carey Patterson.
Conway Cottage. Ings lane Belchford LN9 6LP

PLEASE NOTE Drivers on the Day £20 passengers £15

Community Woodland Update

The Community Woodland between Belchford and Fulletby is continuing to develop well. Most of the new trees that were planted in early 2022 have survived their first year. Sadly, a few larger beeches that were donated late in the planting season struggled with last year's dry summer and some of these have died. However, most of the young trees are doing really well and showing new growth this year. It is very encouraging to see new species of wildflowers establishing spontaneously in the woodland. The latest new arrival is a Spotted Orchid, which has emerged in the wet area at the lower end of the site. Unfortunately, the battle with ragwort has not yet been won. Volunteer "Action Days" to dig out the ragwort before it flowers and sets seed will be organised soon.



CallConnect and ConnectBus bus services will be operating on a Saturday 8am – 6pm. Monday to Friday operating times remain unchanged at 7am – 7pm. For more details view <https://lincsbus.info/> or call our friendly team on 0345 234 3344.



Diary Dates

30th July 10am - Belchford Church service
2nd July 10am - Fulletby Church service
Parish Council Meeting July 20th Fulletby Church

The Parish Council now has acquired two new portable blackboards, one for each village, which will be used to publicise community events & Parish Council meetings.



FULLETBY CORONATION PICNIC



The excellent weather on Sunday 7 May meant Fulletby had a perfect afternoon to celebrate the Coronation with a village picnic on the Glebe Field. Thank you to everyone who contributed prizes for the raffle. We raised £166 which has been divided equally between St Andrews Church and the Fulletby Glebe Trust.

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<https://lincsbus.info/bus-services/lincs-bus-updates/>

Or phone the transport Help line
0345 456 4474

A Potter To Oxcombe

On Monday 5 June more than 40 people took part in a guided walk from Belchford to Oxcombe. This was one of the 50 for 50 activities arranged by Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The walk, which was led by John Smith, crossed private farmland, offering wonderful views across local hills and valleys. The geology and the varied soils of the landscape was explained as walkers made their way to Oxcombe, where Susanna Gorst provided very welcome refreshments. Walkers gave donations to support the Air Ambulance.

Lincolnshire Wolds

50 for 50



Belchford & Fulletby Plan



Our draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published on the NDP website <https://belchfordandfulletbyplan.org> in March. It has been well received with largely positive feedback, both online and at open evenings held in March and May which many of you attended. We have incorporated your feedback into the NDP. Next we will hold a mandatory 6 week Regulation 14 Consultation in which you will be asked if you support the NDP. This consultation will hopefully take place from 1 August to 12 September. Following the consultation the NDP will be submitted to East Lindsey District Council for examination and comments.

Contacts for Local Groups

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 Briggins (Responsible Finance Officer), Paul Morris, Kris Skalka, Miranda Brown, Katy Hockham and Nancy Sorenti.
Full contact details for all councillors on the parish council website (<https://belchford-fulletby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or from Parish Clerk bandfpc.clerk@gmail.com)