

Belchford & Fulletby Newsletter Summer 2021

Dates for your Diary

Parish Council meetings – 22nd July, 16th September and 18th November 2021.

Village Hall AGM - Wednesday 14th July in the Hall.



The Year in our Parishes - Chairman of the Parish Council - John Smith

In a year of the most dreadful difficulties due to COVID restrictions, I'm delighted to tell you that your parish council has been busy and continued to carry out its responsibilities in both villages.

Meetings have been scheduled via zoom, thank you Karen. Recently we had our first meeting 'live' in the village hall with the heating on and windows open!

The broadband project headed up by Ian Goodall is making progress. Would those of you not yet engaged, have a word with Ian, please?

The Community Woodland has been partially planted and was named Hayes Furlong Wood. Thank you to everyone who turned out in the depths of winter to do the work and for Paul and Peter for sorting the trees. Meanwhile, pathways are now cut in to the woodland.

Financially we are in a very good fettle. After several investments including the Woodland and a contribution to the Fulletby Glebe Project, the parish council has a healthy balance, well done to Nigel, our RFO.

The village furniture has been tended to by Zach and Rob, thank you both.

A relentless issue is the state of Lowfield Lane and Oxcombe Road. I promise you we are doing our damndest to get this road improved. We did feature recently on Radio Lincolnshire alongside our local councillor Hugo Marfleet. The issue has also been raised at a County Council meeting. We will not rest on this one.

We are currently working on a Neighbourhood Plan, coordinated by Jill, Ian, Paul and Nancy. This will arrive as a questionnaire through your letterbox and inbox very soon. Please take part. It is a very exciting project which will have an influence on the structure of our communities for many years to come.

And finally, I'd like to say a very generous thank you to those parishioners who give of their time to tidy and beautify our villages. A fantastic effort, much appreciated by us all, plus the many, many visitors who have come to Belchford and Fulletby this year.



Mary Abbott

Belchford's Village Treasure

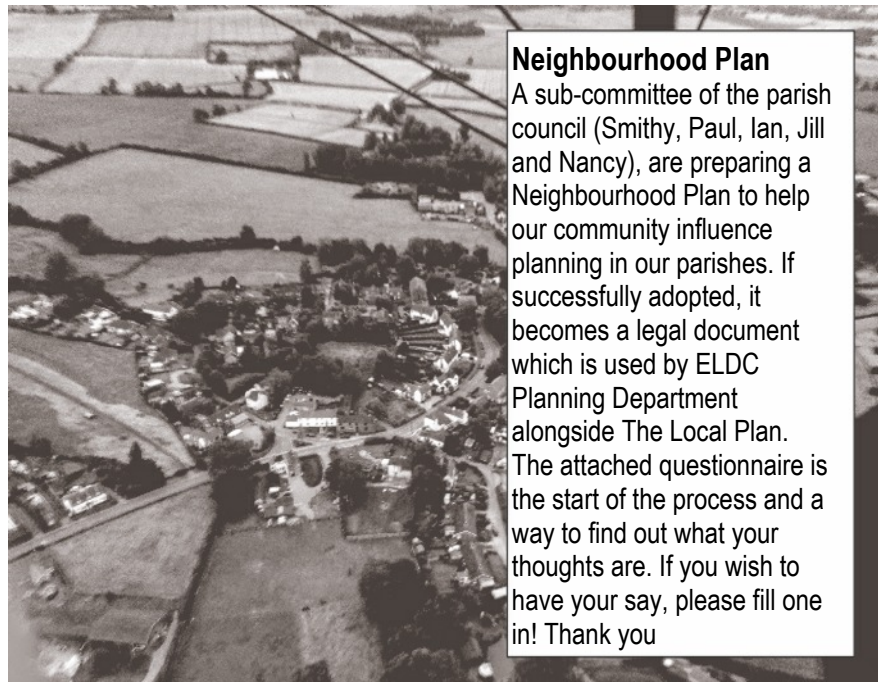
December 2nd 1914 - May 20th 2021

The villagers waved a final goodbye to an incredible lady



Belchford & Fulletby Annual Parish Meeting 22nd May

The meeting was held at St Peter & St Paul Church, Belchford and commenced with a minutes silence in memory of the late Mrs Abbott. The parish council wish to plant a tree in memory of Mrs Abbott and possibly install a bench. Members of the public were thanked for their attendance and asked if they knew of anyone affected by the Covid pandemic who were in need of assistance, to please get in touch. Projects undertaken by the parish council were outlined and ideas for the future were discussed. The annual Lane Letting took place. Lanes were auctioned raising £295 which will be used to purchase trees in memory of Mrs Mary Abbott.



Neighbourhood Plan

A sub-committee of the parish council (Smithy, Paul, Ian, Jill and Nancy), are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan to help our community influence planning in our parishes. If successfully adopted, it becomes a legal document which is used by ELDC Planning Department alongside The Local Plan. The attached questionnaire is the start of the process and a way to find out what your thoughts are. If you wish to have your say, please fill one in! Thank you

The Village Green Committee would love to say a huge thanks to all the participants in their survey! As the questionnaire has closed, you are now all welcome to view the results. To save paper, it is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/BFSurveyResults>.

Please contact a member of the committee for a paper copy



Belchford and Fulletby Parish Council Report from May Meeting 2021

The parish council met face to face in May following the lifting of some restrictions. The capacity of the village hall is reduced currently to comply with Covid regulations and all precautions were taken before and during the meeting. The meeting started with the election of a Chairman, Vice Chairman & RFO for the next 12 months and the Annual Governance & Accountability Return was completed for the financial period to 31.03.2021. A report from the village green committee was also received along with an update from the Neighbourhood Development Plan team. The next meeting will take place in July.

Church Services Belchford & Fulletby

Services are being held now in all 8 Churches in the Hemingby Group



Please
contact your



Church Wardens for more information.
Mrs Barbara Bateman, Mrs June Bullock
or Mrs Carey Patterson for Belchford.
Mr Paul Morris, Mrs Janet Leedham, Mr
John Stones or Mr Robert Short for
Fulletby.



Full Fibre Broadband Initiative

The Parish Council has been working with Openreach to establish costs for upgrading the existing moderate speed fibre-copper (FTTC) and, for some of you, very slow copper only broadband to extremely fast full fibre broadband (FTTP). The initial quotation of £575,000 for both villages is excessive exceeding the value of government grants. It is high due to the large number of outlying properties, some of which are several kilometres from the telecommunications cabinets in the villages. We are currently looking at ways to reduce the cost and will update you in future newsletters. In the meantime for this initiative to succeed we continue to need your support. You might feel that your current broadband speed, which for many of us is approx. 20 to 60mB, is sufficient for your needs but the lessons of the past are that you are very likely to require much higher speeds in the future. In addition, the copper network for both voice and data will become redundant in less than 10 years' time and small villages will not be a priority to upgrade. We hope that you would like to be included in the full fibre initiative and, if so, can you please email your name, full address and landline telephone number to ian@goodall-geoscience.co.uk to register your interest. If you run a business, charity or school from this address please let us know as these are eligible for a higher UK government grant.

Covid 19

Vaccination Transport Information: If you have been notified by the NHS that you are able to book an appointment for a Covid-19 vaccination and need help with transport, contact the Transport Helpline on 0345 456 4474 (Mon - Fri: 9am - 6pm, Sat: 9:30am - 4pm)

CallConnect has extended services to enable more passengers and staff to access vaccination hubs in Lincolnshire. Please call 0345 234 3344 for details.

Dog Walkers

Please take your
Doggie poo bags home or pop them in a bin!

Thank you!



YOGA in Scamblesby

- Scamblesby Village hall
- Tuesday 9.30 - 10.45 am
- Thursday 9.00 - 10.15am
- Thursday 7.00 - 8.15pm

Now also available GENTLE YEARS YOGA
For ages 65 + or anyone who needs to take it a bit steady for any reason! Please get in touch if you might be interested and I will let you know more about this new class.



See www.susanwaller.co.uk
for my timetable
Call Sue on 07941 0009154

E.E.K. !!

Existing, Expanding paths to Keep

If you are concerned about the state of our local footpaths, or maybe would be interested in how we could expand the available routes. Please come to the next **Parish Council Meeting (22nd July)** to express your views and hear about possible ideas and ways of we can improve the situation.
Or email Jill
Jillnewby@live.co.uk with your thoughts.

Contacts for Local Groups

Parent and Toddlers: Sue Murfin 533344
Table Tennis Club: Jon Newby 533397
St Peters & St Paul's Church, Belchford: Church Warden: Barbara 01507 534120
Felting and Contemporary Textiles Group Karen 07731755033
Village Hall: Bookings Secretary: Sue Murfin 533344

Parish Councillors:

John Smith (Chairman), Peter Thompson (Vice-Chairman), Nigel Briggins (Responsible Finance Officer), Miranda Brown, Ian Goodall, Paul Morris, Jill Newby, John Leedham, Rob Short and Zach Henden.

Full contact details for all councillors can be found on the parish council website (<https://belchford-fulletby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>) or from the Parish Clerk bandfpc.clerk@gmail.com)