



# Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council

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June 2020 Newsletter

*A brief update on activities and news from Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council.*

## **Update from Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - COVID-19 Response**

The focus of the work of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council remains to provide support to the community by all available means.

1. The COVID-19 Community Response team, put into place on 17th March remains available for the community.
2. The play area on the Green should be able to reopen on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The guidance from the government is under review in making the area "Covid-19 Safe" and further details are included below with a recommendation that you read the information in full.
3. The cemetery at Grove Street remains open and accessible, as it has throughout this emergency situation. This decision remains under review and on the understanding and monitoring that social distancing measures are kept to.
4. The Town Council has begun to hold monthly virtual meetings in order to continue to progress matters for the community and update ongoing projects. The meetings are open to the public to join, just contact the Town Clerk for all the details you will need once the Agenda is published.
5. The Town Council Office is again open to the public but on an appointment basis - the Town Council is still accessible to you via phone, email or post. **Call:** 01652 648978 or 07518 284173 **E-mail:** [enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk) **Post:** Town Council Office, Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey, North Lincolnshire, DN21 4LZ. Please only visit the office if you have made a prior appointment so that social distancing and safety measures can be confirmed for you.
6. For advice and guidance, the Town Council continues to recommend that official sources of information are accessed; the NHS at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/and](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/and) central government at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Current advice can also be found on national and local radio and TV stations.



## **Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return**

The Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2020 is now displayed in the Town Council noticeboards and on the Town Council website (Accounts and Financial Information page).

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all relevant documentation will be made available for inspection on reasonable notice by application to the Town Clerk commencing Monday 29th June 2020 and ending on Monday 10th August 2020.

## Town Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Tony Kitchen in February, there is a vacancy for a Town Councillor on Kirton in Lindsey Town Council. Following the publication of notice on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the Town Council can now look to fill the vacancy by co-option. Local councils give communities a voice and are democratically accountable to the community. Are passionate about Kirton in Lindsey? Would you like to make a difference in the local community and offer your skills and experience? Do you enjoy being part of team? If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor, or would like further information please contact the Town Clerk.

### Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

We are looking for a Town Councillor – could it be you?

**LOCAL ISSUES NEED LOCAL PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP FOR THEM**



**YOU** could help keep Kirton in Lindsey a vibrant, good place to live by becoming a Town Councillor.

**YOU** could be in at the 'grass roots' level of Local Government and be involved in making things happen or getting things sorted!

**YOU** could get local views about local issues brought to the attention of the powers that be.

The Town Council meet one evening a month and have additional committee meetings and events running through the year, and in return you will receive the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your local community.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union and must satisfy at least **one** of the following:

- be a local government elector for the Parish of Kirton in Lindsey;
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, either as owner or tenant
- have, during the whole of the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work in the parish;
- have resided in the Parish during the whole of the previous 12 months

The Town Council normally meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm (except August).

Any person interested in becoming a Town Councillor should contact the Clerk, by phone 01652 648978, e-mail [enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk), call into the Town Council Office at the Town Hall or speak with one of the current Councillors for more information.

## Scarecrows



Kirton in Lindsey Scarecrows return next month, so we hope you enjoy seeing the tributes to keyworkers around the town and follow the location map to locate all the letters to spell out a phrase! We would really like to see any photos you take as you follow the trail, so please do share them with the community!

## **KLASSIC Park**



On 17<sup>th</sup> June the Trustees of the KLASSIC (Kirton in Lindsey Actively Supporting Sport In the Community) Charity (No. 1115978) voted to accept an amended deed of trust and in so doing voted to approve Kirton in Lindsey Town Council to be the sole trustee of this Charity. This was agreed in order to protect the Charity in perpetuity in line with the other town Charities which the Town Council or Councillors are Trustees of; The Green and The Market Place (503196), The War Memorial and Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering (248883) and the Torksey Charity (251454). The Town Council is currently working with the previous trustees during a period of handover as the facility looks to reopen for bookings in July.

## **Children's play area - The Green**



It is hoped that following the full review and consideration of government guidance and all other relevant information that the children's play area on The Green can re open from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The Town Council ask that all the information published online via Facebook and the website is taken into account if you are looking to let childrne under your care use the equipment (Kirton in Lindsey Town Council website [www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk)) It is kept as brief as possible. If you have any concerns, it is strongly advised that you do not allow children under your care to use the play equipment. The full government guidance can be viewed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>



## Litter and the Great British September Clean



The annual Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy was postponed this year, and will become the Great British September Clean.

The main points are:

- Date period is **11<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**
- No public events – however....
- Private groups of up to 6 participants encouraged – observing current guidance on social distancing

Litter is everyone's problem and everyone's responsibility, so why not organising a private clean-up with up to 6 members of your family and friends and do your bit to show that you #lovewhereyoulive.

You can pledge to do your own individual or private group clean-up and you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign by signing up at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

- **Litter picking kits can be arranged via North Lincolnshire Council if you would like to take part, please contact the Town Council for the relevant information.**

### Grove Street Cemetery



As mentioned in February, Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Council is responding to complaints received from residents and visitors in relation to the cemetery. These complaints are primarily that Cemetery Regulation are not being adhered to in relation to what floral, planting and ornamental tributes are permitted within these regulations.

The Town Council is mindful that this can be a difficult issue to raise with cemetery users and grave owners, but are equally mindful that it is Councils responsibility to ensure Regulations are adhered to.

A phased approach is to be initiated, returning the cemetery to the prescribed standard, but wish to ensure all families /residents and grave owners have the opportunity to review the Regulations in relation to their plots, allowing time for individuals to make required adjustments where necessary.

We fully realise this to be a sensitive subject, and have no wish to create any distress to our cemetery users. We do though hope to be able to conduct this review with minimum distress. The Cemetery regulations are posted on its noticeboard, in addition we are happy to provide copies and clarification where required.

In addition, a programme of works to reinstate the level of gravespaces within the cemetery has begun and will be a process of working from the rear of the cemetery forward row by row. A number of gravespaces are in need of this work to maintain the condition of the cemetery and also to protect all visitors to the cemetery.

Please contact the Kirton-in-Lindsey Town Clerk or any of your Town Councillors if you wish to discuss this matter.

## Kirton in Lindsey Coronavirus Helplines Community Response Volunteers



*If you are at increased risk of severe illness from Coronavirus because you are over 70, pregnant, have underlying health conditions or if you are self isolating, the Community Response Volunteers can help.*

### Helplines open every day

#### Text or call

Town Clerk Neil Taylor-Matson 07518 284173

#### Call

Mayor Cllr Pat Frankish 01652 649365

Deputy Mayor Cllr David Garritt 01652 640456

Cllr Kathy Cooper 01652 648123

Town Council Office (answer phone) 01652 648978

#### Email

[enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### We can help you with:

- ✓ Essential shopping
- ✓ Transport to medical appointments
- ✓ Prescriptions collection
- ✓ Urgent errands
- ✓ Someone to talk to if you feel lonely or isolated

#### Sorry, we can't help with:

- ✗ Medical advice
- ✗ Non-urgent works such as gardening or DIY jobs

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**