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December 2021 Newsletter

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



Season's Greetings!

Members of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council wish residents a Merry Christmas very Happy New Year. Whatever 2022 has in store for us all, the past two years have reminded us all of the importance of our local communities. The community isn't just made up of the individual people who live here, but also the businesses and organisations who provide services and activities for everyone. All individuals, as well as businesses and organisations need support from the rest of the community in the good times and the bad times, so don't forget to look out for each other and support the local businesses and organisations who are here for you.

Without local support, local services and businesses cannot survive.

Christmas lights competition update

The Committee deciding the result of the competition was unable to meet in December due to the unavailability of members to attend, and so the decision is now likely to be confirmed at the next meeting which is planned to be held early in the new year.

Viewing of nominations has taken place, it is now just a formality of meeting together to agree a result. This will then be officially announced and prizes presented.

Grit (salt) bins – Yellow and Green

You may have noticed there are different coloured grit bins in different places around the town. The yellow bins are provided by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) for areas they have assessed as priorities and the green bins are provided at the request of the Town Council for areas which do not meet with NLC's assessment criteria. NLC have confirmed that due to resource limitations the green bins will not be replenished until after the yellow bin network is, in order to prioritise resources. The new grit/salt in use this year is more effective and you do not need to use as you would have previously needed to. If you are aware of a salt bin running low, please either contact NLC directly or alert the Town Council so that refilling can be looked into prior to any bin running empty.



Litter bins/dog fouling

Did you know... litter bins across the town are "multi-use" and can be used for the disposal of both litter and bagged dog waste? This increases the number of locations around the town you can safely dispose of bagged dog waste in addition to the dog waste bins put into place for this purpose too.

Know any area of the town in need of a litter bin? Let us know and we will see what can be done.

If you're not sure where your nearest bin is, download the free Pooper Snooper mobile app which will show you a route to the nearest bin and also allows you to flag up dog fouling incidents as and when you come across them.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continue to engage with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) on the locations of bins around the town to make sure they are in the right places, but this takes time. NLC are continuing a review across the local Council area and once completed this will allow for further discussion on this issue.

The free Pooper Snooper app provides an easy way to develop evidence-based feedback about areas of particular concern. This will help us identify the troublesome areas and we can look at further methods of targeting those, with the help of enforcement officers.

The free Pooper Snooper app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play stores.

Remember - by using the app to report dog fouling incidents, it creates a 'heat map' highlighting problem areas where new bins could be installed or enforcement officers could focus their time to help try to address this ongoing issue.

For more information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/PoopaSnoopa/> or look in the Apple app / Google Play stores

Grove Street Cemetery update

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, as the Burial Authority, has a duty under Health and Safety legislation to control the dangers that exist in the cemetery. This includes work to actively remove hazards posed by unstable memorials. An inspection of all memorials was carried out in the summer and the Town Council have decided that a period of six months (to March 2022) is given to grave owners to carry out any required works identified by the inspection.



Following the inspection, those memorials requiring action are marked for the owner's attention. It is the owner's responsibility to undertake any works required. This could include contacting memorial masons for advice and guidance. The Council should be informed of any works taking place in the cemetery prior to them starting, and confirmation should be provided when works are completed. This enables the Council to update all reporting to confirm the required works have been carried out and to ensure that any works do not cause disturbance to memorial services planned within the cemetery.

The owner of the memorial is responsible for maintaining the memorial in good condition and will be properly informed by their memorial mason of their and other party's responsibilities.

Where owners cannot be traced the Town Council will make a decision after the six months period (to March 2022) on how to deal with a memorial highlighted as dangerous in the inspection report.

Notice will be given for any intended action to any memorial. If all attempts to contact the grave owner fail then the Town Council has the right to remove or take such steps as to make safe the hazard. This will also be the case for memorials where the grave owner or their heirs-at-law have been contactable but were either unwilling or unable to ensure a repair by a registered stone mason.

If you have a memorial in the cemetery follow these three steps:

- Check if it is marked as requiring attention
- Seek advice and guidance from a registered memorial mason
- Keep the Town Council informed

If you have any queries about these works, please contact the Town Council office on 01652 648978.



Festive Wreaths

You may wish to lay natural wreaths at family plots in the Cemetery during the festive period.

Natural wreaths are permitted, in line with the Cemetery Regulations, however they should be removed from 1st February. Following this date, wreaths will be subject to removal on a random basis.

Wreaths and decorations have usually got into a poor state after a month and the Town Council does receive complaints about this. It is recognised that the removal of festive tributes is extremely sensitive and this is why grave owners and visitors are being given early notice so that they may remove their own festive tributes should they wish.

Therefore, if there are any festive items on graves that grave owners wish to keep, please remove them prior to 1st February.

If a decoration is not permitted, deemed inappropriate or has deteriorated, it may be removed and discarded without notice.

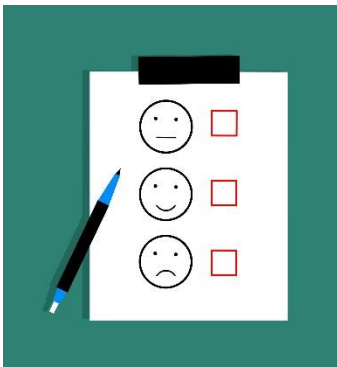
Anyone with queries should contact the Town Council office on 01652 648978.

Town Councillor Vacancy Filled

At the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 22nd December, Kirton in Lindsey Town Council voted to co-opt Jared Priestley as a member of the Council to fill the vacancy for a Councillor.

Cllr Priestley is welcomed to the Town Council and will join the other eight members for his first meeting of this term at the next Meeting of the Council in January. Details of members of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council can be found on the website, in Kirton First and on the noticeboard.

Town Survey Results



Thank you to all of you who completed the recent Town Survey which closed at the start of September.

The summary report shared on social media is also available from the home page of the Town Council website. It shows the results of the multiple-choice questions and also the most frequent answers to the open-ended questions, with some description of what we're doing.

A copy was due to go out with the November edition of Kirton First, however due to a mix up at the printers it will now be with your January edition.

Ongoing works...

Some residents will be aware of ongoing works around the town, and these include the installation of new lamp posts at Town Hall Passage, the start of works on the dropped kerbs programme and the preparations for a one-way system around the Market Place. These are developments from evidence presented to North Lincolnshire Council by Kirton in Lindsey Town Council. A review of litter bins and dog waste bins is ongoing by North Lincolnshire Council and evidence from feedback to the Town Council can help inform improvements on replacement or relocation of these if required following the completion of the review. North Lincolnshire Council are planning to implement the trial one-way system around the Market Place by the end of January 2022. Feedback from the trial will provide evidence base for any permanent improvements to the traffic flow around the Market Place for all users including vehicles and pedestrians.

Please note that works to footpaths, including resurfacing and the installation of new dropped kerbs will not be carried out by North Lincolnshire Council until works by KCOM around the town have completed.



2021 in review

34 – the number of planning applications the Town Council has considered over the past year, the campaign against the continued issue of dog fouling throughout the year. **January** Play area residents survey closed; revised grounds maintenance contracts agreed; budget and precept for Apr 2021-Mar 22 set; first pop-up Covid-19 vaccination site in North Lincolnshire opens at KLASSIC Park; allotments hit a set back due to concerns around contaminated land on the site, surveys are instructed to fully investigate and funding is sought from North Lincolnshire Council for the works; Flooding in the town occurs, predominately in the Richdale Avenue area. **February** No vehicles sign

placed at the entrance to the cemetery. **March** Census 2021 takes place. **April** Virtual Annual Town Meeting is held; the death of HRH Prince Philip is reported; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council request North Lincolnshire Council begin a judicial review into the approval of a planning application at Ings Road; the central path in the cemetery is resurfaced; Virtual Quiz takes place in aid of the Mayor's Charities; grant funding is paid to organisations who successfully applied for it; Remote/Virtual Annual Meetings continue into April and May until the method is withdrawn by central government; Community Renewal funding is provided, kick starting the Connecting Kirton project work. **May** Residents Town Survey launched; Benches put into place at Park Hill and Dunstan Hill. **June** Community Sports Sessions started in June; Regeneration Meetings between Kirton in Lindsey Town Council and North Lincolnshire Council restarted following a pause since early 2020; Grandad's Plough landmark at Traingate unveiling takes place. **July** Scarecrows return across the town – At The Movies; Cemetery memorial safety inspections are carried out; the Fair returns to the Green; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council issues a formal complaint to North Lincolnshire Council for their handling of the planning application at Station Road. **August** Planning permission for a car park is applied for. **September** Support to North Lincolnshire Council who bring their FoodFest to the town; Policing reports are resumed for receipt by the Town Council; Works to improve the benches and picnic tables at the Green and benches at the cemetery are carried out; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council presents a motion to ERNLLCA AGM for changes to planning policy to combat flooding the motion is successfully passed; Civic Award nominations are sought; works to connect a water supply to the allotment land is finally started in September following receipt of the contaminated land survey showing no contamination found; North Lincolnshire Council are approached to improve safety around the pedestrian crossing at South Cliff Road following concerns raised by residents – improved signage to be installed; Play area working group representatives meet with suppliers through October and November to work on designs for improvements to the play area on the Green. **October** The annual Civic Service held at the Church and Town Hall; replacement bench outside cemetery into place; refurbishment of Market Place pump takes place. **November** Christmas Lights switch on event held as an outdoor only event, Christmas Lights competition is launched; application to Landfill Communities successful for play area refurbishment funding; works to improve access to the bench at Steep Hill are considered and North Lincolnshire Council agree these works should be carried out by itself; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council submits its response to the North Lincolnshire Council proposals for the new Local Plan; Kirton in Lindsey Town Council writes to North Lincolnshire Council & Stagecoach requesting a review of bus routes through the town is carried out; after four years, a formal offer reaches agreement between North Lincolnshire Council & the MOD for the Vincent Hall, with efforts to secure a sports centre for Kirton in Lindsey; **December** Noticeboard, wall and bus stop at Church Street taken out in an accident; Replacement bollards installed at the Green.

Work as Trustees of the four charities throughout the year – The Green & The Market Place, War Memorial & Garden of Edward Elmhirst Duckering, Torksey and KLASSIC.

Changes ... Assistant Clerk Sarah Gillingham moved on in November, Cllr Cossey resigned in January, Cllr Lawrence joined the Council in February, Cllr Startin resigned in July, Cllr Stephenson joined the Council in September, Cllr Lawrence resigned in November, Cllr Priestley joined the Council in December.

Let us know your priorities

Your Town Council can only act on issues that it knows about.

Please get in touch to let us know what matters to you.

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