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September 2022 Newsletter

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

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council was saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time.

As part of the prior planning in place, a book of condolence was provided and placed at St Andrew's United Church for Kirton in Lindsey residents, and the Church was opened 10am until 6pm daily until the day after Her Majesty's Funeral.

North Lincolnshire Council also placed a book of condolence at our library for residents.

There are protocols in place which must be followed for major national events such as this, not only incorporating the funeral requirements but also in ensuring the unbroken line of succession.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council gives grateful thanks to all at St Andrew's United Church for providing a place for remembrance and condolences to be expressed by all residents and for the bell ringers for joining the nation in sounding church bells. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council wishes to express grateful thanks to Kirton in Lindsey Branch of the Royal British Legion for following strict protocols with the town flags at the War Memorial.

The Town Council made arrangements for the formal proclamation of our new King's reign to be read on the steps of the Town Hall at 5pm on Sunday 11th September. This followed strict protocols. The Accession Council proclaimed the new Sovereign on Saturday 10th September and made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. Following the readings in the national capitals and regions, including the Mayor of North Lincolnshire discharging that duty at 3:30pm in Scunthorpe, the protocol allowed the reading to be made in North Lincolnshire towns, including Kirton in Lindsey.

Bruce McKenzie was invited to step up as Town Crier again, as he did so flawlessly at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

Further plans were arranged by the Town Council and St Andrew's United Church for the National Moment of Reflection to be honoured in the town. This was a special service held in the Church just before 8pm on Sunday 18th September, the eve of Her Majesty's Funeral.

The reading of the Proclamation and the National Moment of Reflection events provided opportunities for our community to come together and reflect on the moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign, King Charles III, succeeded.



The book of Remembrance and Condolence at St Andrew's United Church. The church as opened by volunteers for residents from 10am until 6pm each day until the funeral.

The bell ringers rang out the Church bells along with churches across the nation,

The knitted crown and cushion was made by local resident Michelle Ray.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council offers thanks to all those involved.



On the left is a photo taken by Bill Rhoades as Bruce McKenzie reads the Proclamation for King Charles III at 5pm on Sunday 11th September at the entrance to the Town Hall. Below is a photo showing the town flags at the War Memorial at half-mast following the announcement from the Royal Family. The flags were briefly raised to full-mast for the national Proclamation readings and then returned to half-mast until after Her Majesty's funeral. With grateful thanks to the Royal British Legion for attending to the flags.



Allotment tenants start to tend plots

After many months of work behind the scenes by the Town Council's allotment working group and the development of documentation in conjunction with the first tenants for the new allotment site, the first tenancy agreements were signed in mid-September. Acquiring land for allotments was a very difficult process for the Town Council over many years. As part of the outline planning permission granted by North Lincolnshire Council for the development of housing at the former RAF site off the B1400, agreement was reached between North Lincolnshire Council and the landowner to provide an area of land for use as allotments for residents of the town. The land allows space for ten allotment plots, and these are offered to residents on the waiting list on a first-come-first-served basis. The Town Council is delighted to finally have allotments available and finishing works at the site will take place shortly giving the new tenants some peace to tend to their plots. To mark the year the allotments have finally opened, the Town Council took on the suggestion from the National Allotment Society and has named the site the Kirton in Lindsey Platinum Jubilee Allotments. Residents can join the waiting list for a plot at any time by contacting the Town Council Office.

Civic Service

On Sunday 25th September the Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Cllr Joy Kofoed held her Civic Service at St Andrew's United Church followed by a buffet reception at KLASSIC Park. The Mayor's chosen charity for her term of office is KLASSIC Park, with the hope to raise funds for improved facilities at the town's sporting facility on Ings Road. Thank you to all those who attended this annual service which celebrates Kirton in Lindsey and the continuation of relationships and support with local councils at all levels, Unitary, District, Town and Parish.



Play Area Development Update

After many months of planning, works began in September to improve and further develop the play provision at the town Green off King Edward Street. The initial phase is developing the toddler area within the fence. The junior area outside the fence is scheduled to be developed in October.

The results of the Play Area Survey which so many of you participated in were taken fully into account with the specification drawn up by a small Town Council working group in July last year. Specialists in play were consulted and assisted with the development of this work which was then put forward to play equipment suppliers for quotations.

Funding to enable the purchase and the installation of the equipment with as little cost to residents as possible was sought and significant levels of funding are now confirmed for this purpose, however sources of funding continue to be explored to meet the full costs.

The total cost (excluding VAT) for both the toddler and junior areas of the play area to be improved is £107,960.00 and the Town Council has so far achieved confirmed funding of £99,976.54. Further funding applications continue to be completed to bridge the funding gap of £7,983.46.

The results of the surveys carried out as well as feedback from residents clearly demonstrate the need for increased recreation facilities in addition to this piece of work, and Kirton in Lindsey Town Council continue to look seriously at how more can continue to be achieved.

Thank you again to all residents who have completed surveys and provided feedback to help with the development and progress of this project so far. It is currently hoped that the play area will fully re-open in early November.

THE GREEN PLAY AREA - JUNIOR AREA KIRTON IN LINDSEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Annual Scarecrow Trail – tell us your thoughts!

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council want to know your thoughts about the scarecrow trail which has become an annual event!

In 2019 it began with no particular theme for your creativity to shine (and what brilliant ideas you had!)...

...in 2020 a timely theme of Keyworkers was celebrated...

...in 2021 we all went to the Movies...

...and this year, 2022 we celebrated with Platinum Jubilee...

Now we want to know what you think of the trail, if it's something you want to see continue and ideas and suggestions you may have.

For everything scarecrow related, please follow this link to our latest Survey Monkey questionnaire and let us know what YOU think!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNYF2MM>



Best Kept Town Centre Frontages Displays – a competition was launched in the September edition of Kirton First for both commercial and residential premises to be recognised for their pleasing appearances. Judging is to take place in early October, and winners will be announced prior to the Christmas lights switch on in November. Let's see how nice our town centre can look!

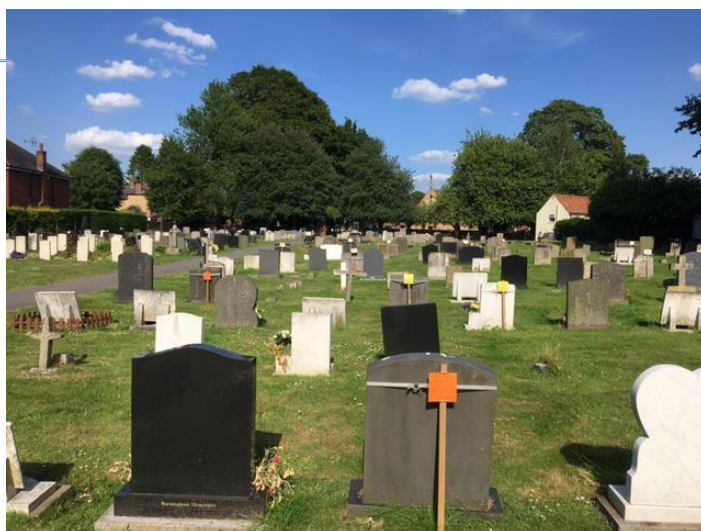
Cemetery update

Following all previous notifications, Kirton in Lindsey Town Council has now, with deep regret, had no option under its health and safety duties to make appropriate but respectful arrangements to begin to lay down the remaining unsafe headstones at Grove Street Cemetery. Anyone with any queries is welcomed to contact the Town Council for further information.

Kirton in Lindsey Cemetery

The cemetery on Grove Street was opened in the 1940's and is also home to Commonwealth War Graves. The land was purchased by the then Kirton in Lindsey Parish Council with the use of a public works loan.

There have been 1291 civilian interments since the cemetery opened and Kirton in Lindsey Town Council employs contractors to maintain the cemetery and also carries out required maintenance to areas such as the path and benches. Interment and memorial fees go some way to partly cover required maintenance costs and fees.



SportsZone sessions come to an end for the year

Thank you to all those who took part in the sports sessions for those aged (approx.) 8 to 14 years on the Green. The sessions ran between 6 and 7pm on Thursday evenings and cost only £2 per person with the first session attended FREE! All sessions were run by qualified coaches – and could be joined at any session. Sessions were run in association with Clixby Active Pro Sports and the Town Council will consider the viability the sessions returning for a third year in the coming Spring. Feedback on the sessions is welcomed.



This year marks the 10th anniversary of the North Lincolnshire Community Champion Awards, and the event is set to be bigger and better than ever.

Hundreds of unsung heroes have received awards over the years for personal achievement, being an inspiration to others, working in the community or volunteering for a good cause.

Do you know an individual or group that deserves a North Lincolnshire Community Champion Award? Make sure they get the recognition they deserve!

The awards ceremony will take place on Thursday 24 November at The Baths Hall in Scunthorpe.

There are 15 awards up for grabs and you can Nominate your 2022 Community Champions online at the North Lincolnshire Council website.

If you are not able to nominate online, call 01724 298452 during office hours or email bathshall@northlincs.gov.uk for a form. The closing date for nominations is 30 September 2022.

More details about the Community Champion Awards can be found on the North Lincolnshire Council website.

Town Council Meetings

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council holds scheduled Full Council meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month and Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (both usually with the exception of August). You are welcome to come along to meetings and time is provided for public participation at the start of each meeting. Other meetings are held when required, however they are always publicised on our noticeboard, website and Facebook page.

Environmental Working Group

A working group focused on environmental matters was set up in May 2022 and the Town Council hope that residents will join the group to help the community produce ideas and strategies which will have positive impacts on the natural environment of the town and encourage new ways of improving our impact in the fight against climate change.

The working group has reviewed the carbon footprint for Kirton in Lindsey, and you can view the information, available on the Town Council website, which might inspire you to join in with developing ideas.

Data is from Impact – an online region-level carbon emissions estimator, developed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy and the University of Exeter. If you would like more detail about the method and datasets, please see the links to the Impact methodology paper and raw data linked on page three within the Kirton in Lindsey report.

For more information please contact the Town Clerk at enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01652 648978.

Who to Contact and How

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council are always happy to help but it's best to get to the right people for the right matter to get issues resolved more quickly. Here's a reminder of the brief guide produced about who you contact about different roles and services and how to do so.

