

# **Kirton in Lindsey Town Council**

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February 2023 Newsletter

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



For KLASSIC Park, Kirton in Lindsey

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is hoping to install outdoor gym equipment at KLASSIC.

Funding for the project is being provided by North Lincolnshire Council

We need your views - survey closes

4th March 2023



To take part, scan the QR code, go to the link or Google "Kirton in Lindsey Town Council" website

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KLASSIC-Gym



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is hoping to install outdoor gym equipment at KLASSIC, intended for use by adults and older children / teenagers. Funding for the project of up to £ 25,000 +VAT is being provided by North Lincolnshire Council through various means, including Section 106 money (collected from housing developments). We are informed that this funding is available, but we need to progress quickly, so this survey is only open for one week.

We have obtained six quotations / proposals from five different companies and would like to hear what you think about each of them, and which your preferred option would be for installation at KLASSIC.

The survey is open until **4th March 2023**, and can be accessed by following the link on the poster.

You can also look at information, ask questions and leave comments at the Informal Elections Information Session at the Town Hall on Saturday 4th March from 11am until 12:30pm.

#### Civic Dinner 2023

Kirton in Lindsey Town Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner will be held on Sunday 11th March 2023 at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall. The event is to raise funds for KLASSIC Park – there will be a raffle and auction on the night.



### **Civic Award**

Thank you to those of you who put nominations in for the 2022 Civic Awards.

Seven residents were put forward and at their February meeting the Promoting Kirton Committee decided that Cath and Adam Delsignore would be presented with this year's award for the years of dedication they have given in voluntary works and fundraising for this community.

Cath and Adam will be presented with a trophy at the Mayor's Charity Civic Dinner and their names will be added to the plaque in the Town Hall.

#### **Change to Committee Meeting Times**

The Town Council has brought the starting times of its monthly Committee meeting forward. The Promoting Kirton Committee Meeting which is held on the second Monday of the month will now begin at 6:30pm and the General Purposes Committee Meeting will begin on the same night at 7:30pm. Residents are welcome to attend all meetings of the Town Council and can become members of the Promoting Kirton Committee.

## SportsZone 2023



The sports sessions will return on Thursday evenings in the Spring and we are looking at adjusting the age range to include juniors from age five up. The sessions are likely to be held at KLASSIC Park, providing the option of indoor space if the weather is bad. Look out for information online and in noticeboards when the details are all sorted out!

#### <u>Kirton in Lindsey Library Volunteers &</u> Community Volunteers – Thank you!

The Town Council would like to thank the volunteers who have come forward to provide support at the library to ensure current opening hours are maintained and some possibility of extending the opening hours remains.

Communities like ours need community helpers more than ever and their assistance brings wider benefit for everyone. If there are areas of the town you can help with or would like to get involved with please do get in touch.



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#### Dog fouling poster competition update

Thank you to those of you who entered the recent dog fouling poster competition. 24 entries were made into the competition and the Promoting Kirton Committee will now consider the entries and choose the winners.

Dog fouling remains a problem in Kirton in Lindsey as well as other places across the UK. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council wishes to draw attention to this to encourage all dog owners to be more responsible, to be aware of the impact on the environment and other people and the risk to children that this has. The behaviour of a minority damages the reputation of all dog owners and Keep Britain Tidy research has found that 9 out of 10 dog owners clean up after their dog.

Dog fouling is a major concern to many people, not just because of the mess it causes, but because it can be a health risk. Dogs may deposit roundworm eggs (toxocara canis) in their faeces.

Anyone, but particularly children playing near to the ground, can run the risk of picking up and swallowing the eggs. The eggs then hatch in the intestine, burrow through the intestine wall into the blood stream and pass into the body.

As we know, unless hands are washed immediately there is a good chance of contact with the face and the spread of infection, as well as contact with other children. This is of course a great concern in areas which are intended and used by children for play and recreation. Possible symptoms of toxocaral infection range from aches, dizziness and nausea to asthma and pneumonia, but as these symptoms can all be caused by other things, infections often go undiagnosed.

In the UK there are around 100 cases of toxocariasis diagnosed each year. In rare cases eye disease and loss of vision can be caused when the toxocara larva passes through the eye.

We appreciate the large number of residents who are respectful and leave no trace. It is the minority who are the concern and who represent a risk to our children in the community and who spoil the town for everyone.





#### Kings Coronation and The Big Help Out

The Town Events Working Group are working hard to plan for Coronation events in May. The King has asked that <u>beacons are not lit</u> for this event, but that communities come together on Monday 8th May for a National Day of Volunteering. It is hoped that Kirton in Lindsey will be keen to play its part so look out for more details coming soon online and in noticeboards about events you can get involved in.

#### **Communications survey results**

Thank you to those who responded to the Communications Survey. 22 people responded, 5 through Kirton First & 17 online. We are in the process of reviewing all the information received back & will publish the results shortly. The issue of how the Town Council communicates is maybe not as problematic as we thought it might be, as a bigger response would then have been expected!



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#### **Police Surgeries**

Humberside Police continue to hold police surgeries in the town, currently visiting once a month to provide you the opportunity to meet with them to seek crime prevention advice and discuss any concerns you have. Keep an eye out online and on noticeboards for more dates.

#### Elections - May 2023

Information on what local councils do, becoming a local Councillor and standing for election.



#### What Do Local Councils Do?

Your Town Council's work falls into three main categories:

- Delivery of services
- Improve quality of life for residents
- Give communities a democratic voice

Local Councils can run numerous services, depending on the size of the Council. Many you will see day-to-day, but some are less known

These include; organising community events, creating neighbourhood plans, managing the play area, cemetery, allotments and other open spaces, grounds maintenance, devolved services from North Lincolnshire Council including maintaining public rights of way and highway verges, providing grants to local groups and organisations, acting as a consultee on planning applications, management of some of our local charities and the development of community projects.

#### Becoming a Local Councillor

As a local Councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local Councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood.

Local Councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with the North Lincolnshire Council to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

#### **Can I Stand For Election?**

To stand for election for the Town Council you must be:

- A UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;
- or be a citizen of a Member State of the European Union
- At least 18 years old
- On the election register of the North Lincolnshire Council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the North Lincolnshire Council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area North Lincolnshire Council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the Kirton in Lindsey boundary.

# The Electoral Commission

Remember you need Voter ID to vote at polling stations in the elections on 6th May. The deadline to apply for a free form of ID if you don't have one is 25th April.

More information is available online, via North Lincolnshire Council elections department or from the Town Council.

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polling station:

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

#### **Community Payback**

We have engaged with Community Payback for some works to be completed around the town, and this has started at the cemetery. You might have noticed clearance work to the rear of the cemetery and the cleaning down and repainting of the gates and the metal bench supports. Further works by Community Payback are planned, but ideas are invited for other areas you would like to see improved in the town.

# **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.

#### **Annual Town Meeting**

This is a meeting of the town and you can all contribute to the agenda to celebrate local activities and debate current issues in the community.

Local groups are invited to provide updates on their work and the Town Council will make grant presentations to those who successfully applied at the end of last year. Come along on Wednesday April 12th, 6pm at the Town Hall to get involved and hear about what goes on in the town.



#### **Planning Development Consultation**

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council was informed of a planning consultation to for a proposed planning application for the construction of approximately 350 dwellings at the former RAF Kirton in Lindsey site. Previous planning permission for the site has now lapsed as it was given over three years ago.

LandIS / Spawforths, who are organising the consultation and the proposed planning application, have distributed leaflets across the town, however many homes and businesses have let the Town Council know that they have not received a copy of this leaflet.



Therefore, for those that haven't seen it, the Town Council would like to raise awareness of this public consultation drop-in session which will be running at the **Town Hall on Monday 6th March between 4pm and 7pm**.

If you would like to find out more about the proposal, view the plans in detail, speak with those behind the plans and/or have any comments to leave please do attend on Monday 6th March. If you are unable at attend, contact details on the leaflet which you can use to get in touch, even to report not receiving a leaflet, are: <a href="mailto:dawn.jenkins@spawforths.co.uk">dawn.jenkins@spawforths.co.uk</a> / Consultation Hotline: 01924 876 876.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council has let the companies know that leaflets were not widely received, but if everyone who didn't receive the leaflet lets the company know, they will be more aware of the issue. The initial layout plans are displayed on the next page.



Proposed Site Plan for 350 homes at former R AF Kirton in Lindsey.

Don't forget we are running a further informal information session at the Town Hall on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March between 11am and 12:30pm.

Come along for information about the forthcoming elections, the work of the Town Council, voter ID queries and details of the proposals for outside gym equipment at KLASSIC Park.

Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be available.

