

Parish Council January Notices

We would like to wish you all a prosperous, healthy and happy new year.

Thanks to all those in our community who have helped neighbours, friends and family during the very challenging times last year. Hopefully, now that a vaccine is available, we can start to get back to some sort of normality.

Christmas tree disposal: Please dispose of your trees responsibly by taking them to an LCC waste recycling centre. Garden waste should be placed in green bins for collection when the service resumes in April.

Community Speed Watch scheme: More volunteers are needed to enable us to implement this scheme. Full training will be provided by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Please e-mail your name and contact details to the parish clerk.

New ideas: If you have any suggestions or would like to see something new in the village, please let us know via e-mail or letter to the parish office. We are also asking for your ideas with regard to the use of the bowls green at Manor Park and creating a wildlife area around the lagoon off Sudbeck Lane.

Dog fouling: It has been reported to the PC that an unacceptable level of dog poo, both bagged and unbagged, is being left on or near footpaths and in fields, including some bagged up and dumped in fields where animals such as horses, cattle and deer are grazing. Animals can choke on these bags and some smaller animals and birds may climb inside the bags and suffocate. The public rights of way footpaths in and around Welton are badly affected, despite the fact that there are plenty of dog poo and general waste bins around these locations.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant but is also dangerous. Although rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis, a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma, blindness and seizures.

While the vast majority of people think dog fouling is most offensive, research has found that 13% of dog owners admit to leaving bagged dog poo behind on a walk. The most common reason given was lack of nearby bins (54%), followed by forgetting to collect it on the way back (40%) and nearby bins being too full (26%). We do provide dog poo bins, but bagged dog poo can be put into any public litter bin. There is no excuse for leaving dog poo anywhere other than in a bin! If you have any ideas for locations for new dog waste bins or if you know of bins that need repair or replacement, let the PC know.

Fly-tipping and litter: Reports of fly-tipping and disposable gloves and masks being improperly discarded have become an almost daily occurrence across the county. Please take your rubbish home with you and dispose of it properly. Report fly-tipping at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk.

Planning applications: To see current applications or submit comments go to www.west-lindsey.gov.uk and search for planning applications.

Potholes, broken paving, street lighting faults: Should be reported on 01522 552222 or via <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>.

Parish office hours: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3pm; Friday, 9am to 12 noon.

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