

STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH.



Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for residents of Stow Parish. That means not just Stow village, but also residents of Coates, Normanby and all the outlying areas including parts of Stow Park.

As the Parish Council, we want to have a way to find out your views about the Parish; to keep you informed of the work we do; and to ask you to become involved in some of the local initiatives.

We are starting with this newsletter, which we will aim to publish around four times a year and deliver to all households. The newsletter will also be available on the Council website and, in the future, we aim to be able to send it to you electronically if that is your preference.

speed management and road safety. We

The council also funds the purchase of the Christmas tree, which is purchased on its behalf by Stow Fun Raiser, Doug Garner, who also organises its decoration.

In order to fund the above and any other expenditure, the Council receives what is called a Precept. This is an amount of money included in the Council Tax we all pay. The Precept for 2019/20 is £4,700.

Further information about the role of councils can be found at:

www.localgov.co.uk/Parish-council-responsibilities/29135

WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

The Parish Council has responsibility for a wide range of local issues, for example:

- Maintenance of the village playpark, which includes funding an annual health and safety inspection
- Cataloguing, mapping and registering with the Land Registry all the land that the Parish owns or has responsibility for. It may come as a surprise that this is not already well known, but some go back a long way and records are not complete.
- Maintenance of Stow cemetery
- Maintenance of grass and trees on Parish owned land
- Taking a view on planning applications submitted to West Lindsey District Council and submitting that view to WLDC.
- Preparation of the joint Neighbourhood Plan with Sturton

The Council operates on a tight budget, but we try to gauge local needs and work with the District and County Councils to fulfil them. We do report faults such as damaged highways signs, drains, furniture, though villagers may report such things directly. The Council endeavour to work with the Highways department with regard to improvements such as would encourage folk to tell us of their concerns.

WHO IS WHO ON THE COUNCIL?

PAULA JUSTHAM
CHAIRMAN

CHRIS TURNER
VICE CHAIRMAN

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MEMBERS:

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Meetings are every two months in the Vestry, St Mary's. Members of the public can attend. The next meetings are 7pm Monday evening on 13th January and 16th March. Dates of meetings are posted on the noticeboard by the bus stop in Stow and online. Online you will also find agendas and minutes.

STOW RECREATION FUND

In summer each household received information about the Stow Recreation Fund and people were invited to a public meeting to discuss ideas for how the money could be best spent to benefit the residents of the Parish. Following the meeting on 6th July, a small group has been commissioned to look in detail at the preferred options. There will be further information coming out to everyone before any decisions are made.