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STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

Stow, Normanby by Stow, Coates by Stow, and the surrounding rural area.

Welcome to our Summer 2022 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. We reflect on the Jubilee celebrations in the village and also celebrate the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan, which has been a tremendous piece of work by representatives of both Stow and Sturton.

Please circulate the Bugle to anyone you know in the Stow area and if you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please print them off a copy. There will be a copy placed on the Stow village noticeboard, in St Mary's and on our website. We try to circulate the Bugle and also periodic Stow updates via email as well as publishing it on our Parish website and on the Stow Community and Event page on Facebook. If you did not receive this directly and would like to be on our mailing list, please send your name and email address to Clare on stowvillage@outlook.com as she has kindly offered to co-ordinate the list for us. Your email address will be kept securely and will not be disclosed to third parties.

If you know of someone new who has moved into the Parish (Stow, Normanby, Coates and the surrounding rural area), please let the Parish Clerk know on stowparishclerk@gmail.com and we will arrange to deliver a Welcome Pack to them.

Parish Council

The Stow Parish Council (SPC) website can be found at: <https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

The next **Parish Council meeting**, to which all residents are invited, will be at 7pm on Monday 22nd August 2022 in St Mary's. The agenda will be posted on our website, on Facebook and copies will also be on the village noticeboard and in St Mary's near the Post Office.

Volunteers needed

If you see something in the parish you think needs doing and would like to volunteer to help, please contact the Clerk to the Council on: stowparishclerk@gmail.com.

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Being a councillor.

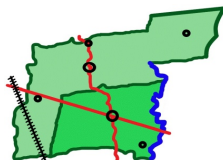
Have you ever thought about being a Parish Councillor?

The term of office of the present councillors will finish in May 2023. If you think you have something to offer and would like to serve your community, why not think about standing as a councillor at the next elections? For more information contact the Parish Clerk.

Green Lane

If you have walked, cycled or ridden a horse down Green Lane at any stage over the last 20 years, especially if (but not necessarily) on a regular basis, and would be willing to sign a statement to that effect in support of an application for the lane to be recorded as a public bridleway, there will be more information on how you can help in the next village email and on the village Facebook page.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING



On Thursday 26th May in the Referendum you were asked to vote on: **“Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sturton by Stow and Stow to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

Of the combined electorate of 1457 there was a turnout of 269 (18.5%) of whom 237 voted ‘yes’ (88.1%) and 32 (11.9%) voted ‘no’. While many of us were disappointed in the turnout we understand it was by no means the lowest. On 4th July 2022 West Lindsey District Council ‘made’ the Plan. It is available to view, along with supporting documents, at:

[Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan MADE | West Lindsey District Council \(west-lindsey.gov.uk\)](https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk)

Our thanks to all of you who made a contribution to the Plan either by completing the household questionnaire or attending one of our consultation events and to those of you who took the time to vote. The Parish Councils will use the plan when making comments on planning applications and West Lindsey will also be using the Plan in its decision-making. As part of our engagement with residents a number of Community Aspirations, which were not planning related were identified and were included in an Appendix to the Plan. There is now an opportunity to review those aspirations and to look at how some may be achieved.

Solar Farm proposals

While many of us would say we are broadly in favour of solar power and would not be averse to some development in our area, the number and range of proposals, which are currently being consulted upon is of great concern to many of us for the following reasons:

- The proximity of some of the proposed sites to homes and the impact not only during the construction phase, but also the life of the panels
- The use of vast tracts of agricultural land at a time when we need a national food strategy
- The impact on our local infrastructure, which is not built for the sorts of loads talked about
- Their impact on our wildlife and the potential loss of popular recreational areas such as the Green Lane between Ingham Road and Coates/Normanby lane

Stow Parish Council, because of these concerns among others, has therefore strongly opposed the proposals for Cottam1.

Stow Fun Raisers - Community Litter Pick

2pm Sunday 25th September - meet at Manor Farm, Stow Park Road - refreshments provided

Metal picking sticks, rubbish bags and Hi Viz vests are provided - bring your own gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

Whether or not you are able to help with the litter picking, donations of cakes/ flapjacks etc are always welcome for the refreshments.

Contact Clare on 07805057583 or

at stowvillage@outlook.com or

go to the Stow Fun Raisers Facebook page for more details, to let us know you're coming, or to offer a cake.

Also thank you to all of you who independently litter pick when out walking.

From Cllr Tracey Coulson:

“Locally the most significant issue to residents arguably remains the solar panel farm projects. Resident involvement in the remaining consultation processes for each project continues to be important. Many of us hold deep concern over the scale and impact of these solar farms on our communities, whilst understanding the pressing need for sustainable energy. We can object if we choose, as well as put forward requests and suggestions. WLDC has put forward as robust a response as it is able, particularly around the accumulative impact these farms will have on our surroundings.

In town, WLDC have successfully acquired the land needed to facilitate the new 4 screen cinema, retail units and restaurant. This forms a key part of the planned redevelopment of the market square and surrounding area as part of the £18 million pound Levelling Up Programme. The goal is to create a thriving Gainsborough town centre with a sustainable focus including a greener market square, more cycle routes and footpaths. The ripple out effect of this it is hoped will invite increased general prosperity and support to the wider area.

I had the great pleasure of introducing a paper to adopt Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan at Council on Monday 4 July.

The importance of these Plans as tools to help shape and protect your community remains vital and the Central Lincolnshire Plan Review furthers this. We now have 23 adopted Neighbourhood Plans in our district. My inbox has been mostly full of planning issues again over the last few weeks; the best tool you have to steer planning in your parish is a Neighbourhood Plan.

I remain busy on my allocated committees, which currently are, Governance and Audit, Prosperous Communities and Overview and Scrutiny. I also Chair the Working group for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change and the Working Group recently created to look at options around a replacement for our now expired Selective Licensing Scheme which helps to tackle some of the issues around specifically identified areas of our privately rented properties in the district. I also sit on the Gainsborough Transport Strategy Board and Standards Sub Committee. Details of the Committee dates can be found on the WLDC website www.west-lindsey.gov.uk I welcome comments, queries and feedback on any of the issues being raised at any of the Committees, not just the ones I sit on. Notably on 6 September, Overview and Scrutiny will receive a presentation from Lincolnshire Police, if you have any specific issues you would like me to raise, please do let me know.

I am available by email Cllr.t.coulson@west-lindsey.gov.uk “



Thank you to all of you who supported the celebrations in Stow whether it was on Saturday by helping set up, providing flowers to decorate the church or arranging the flowers, baked a cake, served on the bbq or cake stall, came along to the bike ride and bbq and cakes, attended the Service of Thanksgiving in Stow Minster, or came along to the street party on Sunday, which, courtesy of the Cross Keys, was held in their marquee. Our thanks to those who entertained us: Kate and Pete on Saturday and Willingham Band on Sunday. Also to Mike Harthan, a long time Parish Clerk, who planted the Jubilee tree, which was jointly purchased by the Parish Council and Cllr Tracey Coulson, so our thanks to her too. Thanks are also due for the Jubilee seat, which is installed in front of the church and was donated by John and Margaret Martinson and family.



We even had royal visitors on Sunday!

Thanks to those who provided photos.





Sturton and Stow Agricultural and Horticultural Association
134th ANNUAL SHOW
 1.30pm SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2022
 at Sturton by Stow School

Are you ready for the Annual Show?

Most classes are open to everyone and whether you are a gardener, a baker, a wine maker, a painter, a jam maker, good at sewing or craftwork and making things or an aspiring photographer, there will be a class for you to enter. In addition, there will be a classic car display, tractors, engines and local stalls and displays. The Youth Club provides refreshments on the day including their very popular bacon rolls!

If you have not entered before and wondering what you need to do, we have put together a guide for entrants, which will be available on the website at: www.sturtonandstowshow.com or follow us on Facebook. Schedules detailing all the classes will be available in August in the Village Stores and on the website. You can also support the Show by becoming a Vice President on an annual basis or for life; you will find details in the Schedule.

Come along on 1st October – only 50p (or more if you are feeling generous) to come in for a really great afternoon.

www.sturtonandstowshow.com

Sturton and Stow History Society

7.30pm monthly on Wednesdays
 in Sturton Village Hall

Urgently needs committee members. If you can help – in whatever capacity – please contact the Society via their website: www.sshs.chessck.co.uk or their Facebook page.

The Post Office is available in Stow Minster at:
 9.30 – 12.30 Mondays (excluding bank holidays)
 1.30pm – 4.30pm Tuesdays
 9.30 – 12.30 Thursdays.



Lincolnshire Good Homes Alliance pilot

We would really like to hear from all Lincolnshire residents who are facing maintenance and repair issues within their homes and anyone that needs to make adaptations to their homes. That can be either now or in the future.

We want to find out the best ways we can provide support and which services you need to help you with your home improvements. We also want to hear about your experiences around completing work to your home.

The information you provide will help us develop a new initiative called 'The Lincolnshire Good Home Alliance,' working in partnership with Lincolnshire Councils.



What do you need to do next?

You can help by taking part in the survey and sharing your thoughts on our stories and ideas pages below.
www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Dog walkers

Please, please pick up after your dog. It is your responsibility and there are dog bins around the village you can use. Don't spoil the village and local area for others.



7.30pm

Sturton Village Hall

Secretary

Maria Scott 787062

9th August

Making a cake stand - Linda Coatsworth. Bring a drill (if you can), 3 dinner plates, marker pen and some scissors.

13th September Bees – Alison Brownlow

Getting in touch

If you want to raise an issue with the Parish Council, to volunteer, suggest a topic for the Bugle or nominate a local talent whom you think we should feature, you can do so by contacting the Parish Clerk:
stowparishclerk@gmail.com or 01522704687