### **Winterton Town Council**

# A welcome from The Mayor, Cllr Marilynne Harrison

### Mayor's Report Winter 2022

How quickly this year has gone. I suppose times flies when you're kept busy. I am not looking forward to the cold dark nights. We have been fortunate to have had a lovely summer enabling the children to be outside for most of the summer holiday. We've had some lovely comments from residents who have appreciated the extra benches that have been installed

around the town. The flower beds and planters have bloomed well giving a colourful display. I thank all the volun-

teer litter pickers who have given their time. Litter is a problem in most towns but thanks to you, we have been able to keep our town tidy. We, at the town Council, joined in with the Autumn Community Litter pick in October. It was great to see so many families and young people getting involved, especially the Cubs and Beavers groups, on what was a wet day, but it did not dampen their spirits.



In October I was able to hold my Civic Service at Trinity Methodist Church. Thanks to the school children from the Winterton Federation and their teachers who sung so beautifully. I was so proud of everyone of them, especially as I had invited other Mayoral parties from across North Lincolnshire, and was able to show them the talent we have here in Winterton. Everyone stayed for the tea and refreshments following the service, served up by the scouts, cubs and beavers and their leaders.

The school uniform hub held at our Council office during the school holidays was a huge success. We could have done with a few more larger sizes and maybe some Academy school uniforms, but the donations we received were very much appreciated by many families. We are hoping to repeat this next year. Thank you to my fellow councillor, Pauline Howden, who set this up for the town.

It has been an ambition of mine for a few years now to set up a charity shop in the town, but finding suitable premises have been a problem. We, at Winterton Town Council, are pleased that we are closer to making this a reality. Working with Rob Waltham, Leader at North Lincs Council and our Ward

Councillors, Helen, Ralph and Elaine, we are starting to get the ball rolling along with a community food hub. Watch this space!

I am particularly looking forward to Christmas and the town light switch on and street festival. Hope to see you all there. The Salvation Army band has been booked for our Christmas Carol singing around the tree on Christmas Eve. Sadly we were not able to have this last year due to a spike in Covid cases locally, so we are particularly looking forward to this one.

As we prepare for the Christmas festivities, I would ask everyone to spare a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves, particularly families separated at this special time and those in need.

I wish you all the best for Christmas and hopefully a happy and healthy new year

Marilynne Harrison, Mayor of Winterton



#### A note from the Clerk

Another busy year here at Winterton Town Council, so far. The summer saw the plans for the Jubilee really going with a bang! Literally ..with the fireworks at the free family event at the pavilion. The event was such a success, with such positive feed back from residents, that The Council set up a working group to arrange another event next Summer. One for the whole family to enjoy. At the moment it looks like this event will be brought forward to May, to coincide with the new King's

Coronation at the recently announced extra bank holiday. Plans are in the very early stages and more news will follow. The limited edition jubilee mugs that were provided for every Winterton child were really well received. We have spare mugs for any baby born this year before June 2023. Do call into the Town Council office or make contact if you still haven't picked yours up. We also have a limited amount for sale if anyone would like one.



Sadly we lost our beloved Queen in September,

which meant that for a short time Council business was suspended to follow the National Period of Mourning. It was humbling to read the comments that people wrote in the official book of condolence, that were sited at the Town Council office and our lovely Cemetery Chapel. The books are to be bound and kept as an archive of this moment in history. The Town Council wrote to the new King and his family, on behalf of Winterton, to offer our sincere condolences. The candle lit vigil in All Saints Church was a poignant moment as the town joined in the National moment if reflection.



The new projector, that displayed the swirling Christmas snowflakes for the first time in 2021, has been used to mark the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Council considered this a fitting act of remembrance #lestweforget.

The Council was contacted this year by families wishing to use the cemetery chapels for small funeral services. We cleaned, repaired and painted the chapels inside, and made necessary electrical repairs Council considered that this facility should be free of



charge to local families for small funeral services. Please don't hes-

itate to be in touch if you would like to use this facility.

One very welcome addition to the team is the addition of a gardener. Andy Preskey, a very experienced gardener, has extended his hours to incorporate planning the planting schemes across the town, and overseeing the maintenance of them. We have many environmental assets that were not being utilised and now we have taken on an allotment to either over-winter the existing plants or grow on seeds and plug plants, we'll be able to bring even more floral displays to the town, whilst keeping costs down. Local businesses have also, once again, committed to providing sponsorship of planters. Do get in touch if this is something you may be interested in.

If there is anything the Council can help you with, or if there is anything you would like to discuss, please do contact us, using any of the Councillor contacts over the page or contacting me at the office. The Town Council office on West Street is open on a Monday and Wednesday 9am-12 noon, but you can contact me on the mobile number 07395 922704 Monday to Friday 9am –5pm.

Kerry McGrath, Town Clerk

#### **Allotment News**

Winterton has twenty-six allotment plots which are all currently being worked to a good standard by members of our community. The summer season, whilst proving exceptionally dry and hot, proved reasonably kind to the allotment holders in terms of yield for most crops. In particular runner beans, beetroot, cabbages, courgettes, squashes and fruit crops were very good when the harvest season came. Almost all plots have now been prepared for the winter season with some of the plots planted with winter onions, garlic broad beans and 'green manure' plants such as mustard. Autumnal pruning is well underway for those allotment holders with fruit trees. Whilst winter seems a dormant season for most gardeners, a job can always be found on the allotment

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Winterton Town Council (WTC) now has a dedicated allotment and this will be prepared over winter with poly-tunnels and racking installed. These resources - funded by grant monies along with time and effort by volunteers and WTC Staff will within a year or two, afford WTC to be self sufficient in bedding plants and shrubs which will be planted across our Town year on year.

There is a waiting list for allotments, if you would like to add your name to the list then please contact Andy Preskey by any of the following methods.

Email: admin@wintertoncouncil.co.uk

Tel: 01724 488805

Mobile: 07888 671998

Or call in person at the Winterton Town

## **Winterton Community Pavilion News**

This fantastic community asset which officially opened almost a decade ago, continues to see bookings from regular users and new private hirers alike. This facility, alongside the sports field and newly installed 800 metre perimeter footpath has free-to-use Wi-Fi installed for all users. Water collection barrels have now been installed to assist with watering the Towns planters, beds and hanging baskets and research is underway into the in-



stallation of solar panels on the roof. Along with the geo-thermal heating system already installed, solar energy will make your Community Pavilion a 'Green Facility' working towards carbon neutral. The site is fully covered by a state-of-the-art CCTV system which is monitored remotely 24/7.

As well as private booking for parties and gatherings, Winterton Community Pavilion is now benefitting commercial users as a training site and also offers corporate office space as a venue for seminars and meetings.

Discussions are taking place with regard to adding outdoor gym equipment at intervals around the path – by way of consultation, we encourage thought and comment from you all on this topic – please get in touch to let us know your thoughts.

To make a booking enquiry and for any other Community Pavilion matters, please contact Andy Preskey via the following methods. Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WintertonCommunityPavilion">https://www.facebook.com/WintertonCommunityPavilion</a> by email: admin@wintertoncouncil.co.uk Tel: 01724 488805 Mobile: 07888671998

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As well as contacting the Town Councillors or staff on the numbers listed above anyone is welcome to attend a Winterton Town Council meeting.

We meet every 2nd Tuesday (except for August) at 6pm in the Old School Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting to see how decisions that affect you are made and Winterton residents are welcome to address the Town Council with any issues that are important to you. The agenda for the meeting is always posted in the notice boards around the town and on our website www.wintertoncouncil.co.uk/agendas a minimum of 3 clear days before the meeting.