

Winterton Town Council Newsletter

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Winterton Winter Weather

Can I begin this article by saying a huge thank you to every one who helped with snow clearance, during our last Winter period. Those who checked in on elderly or vulnerable neighbour's and also to those who kept our community provision going so well, and without fuss that it is sometimes difficult to know who you are. Thanks must also go to North Lincs Council workers who also helped by spreading salt and grit around the footpaths of Market Hill and the Market place, working with NLC we shall hopefully receive this level of service again. A special thanks must also go to Stuart Maw, whose enthusiasm for snow clearance knew no bounds and actually had to be slowed down lest he use all of Winterton's stock of grit!

Last winter saw us start with 3 grit bins, catering for our Town. This Year we have secured a further 5 grit bins and will be looking to add to these for 2013.

These new Grit bins will be located at:

Newport Drive. Outside the entrance to the sports field on the wide footway.

Manlake Avenue. On the verge outside the Doctors surgery.

De Lacy Way (Grangefields). Opposite Teanby Drive, near the telephone box.

Leek Hill. On the verge near the houses.

Lincoln Drive. At junction with Waterflow Drive on wide footway.

Winterton Town Council has also, for the first time, set aside a small budget for the purchase of snow shovels which will be lent out to volunteers over the course of this coming winter.

We always need volunteers to aid in the clearance of snow, whether this be outside our local schools or elsewhere through out Winterton. If you feel that you may want to help this winter, then please don't hesitate, either give myself a call, or please contact Angela Grounds, our new Town Clerk.

Please also let us know if you feel there are areas in need of additional support. If you leave your contact details, we will endeavour to resolve matters as soon as the weather turns. Thanks to those of you feeding back already.

This is a great community and throughout the year we share many great times together but Winter can be the time when we need each other the most, let us keep an eye out for each other and our neighbours, let us be there to help one another.

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Thank you once again to all involved—staff and volunteers—who are putting up the Christmas displays around the Town. The Town always looks stunning, and we are grateful for your time.

Winterton Wind Farm Update

The Town Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on the 18th of September to debate and vote on the amended planning application for three wind turbines at the Winterton Landfill site.

There was considerable public interest and, in line with all previous meetings on this issue, no member of the public spoke in support of the application. The presentations from residents were well researched, knowledgeable and presented in a calm and mature manner.

The council voted unanimously to object to the amended application on various grounds including noise, proximity, cumulative impact, ecological impact and safety concerns regarding the tip operations.

Winterton has had more than its fair share of controversial issues, particularly planning issues, of late but this council will continue to seek to influence the planning process in the interests of protecting the health, amenity and well being of our residents.



Keep an eye on the website for updates on this and other applications—details on front page.

Tip Smells

As most residents will be aware, we have been suffering appalling tip smells in the town for sometime. The Town Council have been in regular communication with the site managers at the Biffa operated Roxby Landfill Site and the FCC operated Winterton site, as well as the Environment Agency regulators for both sites. A Town Council representative also joined Ward councillors on site visits to see, at first hand, the work being done on the sites and to understand the reasons for the odour problems.

In addition, we invited the tip operators and the Environment Agency regulators to the Town Council meeting on the 16th of October when there was an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about this issue. This meeting also discussed the leachate leak which occurred from the FCC site in September. Many residents will have seen the resultant press coverage in the Scunthorpe Telegraph.

Although it is appreciated that work is being done to reduce the odour issues, and that the continued wet weather is not making the tip operators jobs any easier, the council do not consider it acceptable that the problems have persisted for so long. Neither do we consider it acceptable that the FCC site is rated, by the Environment Agency, at "E" on a scale of "A" to "F". ***This is the site on which FCC wish to add three large wind turbines.***

At the time of writing, there are still odour problems which appear to originate from both sites. It is important that residents log each and every time they experience a problem with tip smells by calling the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60. This is a 24 hour number.

It is important to make the call as soon as you notice the smell as this helps to track down the cause. Please also let us know that you have made the call, by contacting the Town Clerk on 01724 488085 or, by email, at wintertoncouncil@talktalkbusiness.net.



It's back for Christmas!

Winterton Town Council is pleased to announce that the Bus to Brigg will be in service to enable Winterton residents to visit Brigg and its Christmas Market.

The bus will run on SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER.

The Bus will pick up on West Street (near the telephone box) at 10:20am,

then De Lacy Way (telephone box),

Earlsgate (opposite the Fire Station)

& King Street (outside the Cross Keys).

The Bus drops off in Brigg at the Ancholme Leisure Centre, the Market Place & the Brigg Garden Centre,

with the return bus leaving Brigg Garden Centre at 2.15

£2 per adult, £1 per child.

Award for Town

During the recent CPRE Best Kept Town and Village competition, Winterton was proud to come 5th overall in the Best Kept Small Town category, only a couple of marks behind the overall winner.

We were very proud to have been awarded the first prize for Best Kept Cemetery with particularly positive comments for the refurbished Chapels and Arch, as well as the beautiful planting.

In accepting the Award on behalf of Council, Cllr Mick Foster paid tribute to the staff who have worked so hard to maintain the cemetery, in particular Peter Parker our Park-Keeper, the grass-cutting staff at North Lincs Council, and Gail and John Summerfield who undertake the municipal planting. Thank you all.



Cllr Mick Foster receiving our Award on behalf of the community at the recent CPRE Awards Evening.



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Christmas Events

- Lions Christmas Market—OSH 1st December, 2pm onwards
- Christmas Lights Switch-on, Market Square after the Lions Market
- Carols Round the Christmas Tree—music thanks to Glyn Morgan from 5.30pm, and Carols Singing for all the family, led by Rev. Alice Nunn and Rev Ian Coates, accompanied by the Barton Salvation Army Band, followed by refreshments for all.

All good wishes for a peaceful Christmas season, and a healthy, happy New Year 2013 from all at Winterton Town Council.

Tesco Planning Application

As many will be aware, on the 9th October an Extraordinary Meeting was held by the Town Council to consider and vote upon the Planning Applications and Listed Building Consent submitted on behalf of Tesco to convert the Cross Keys into a Tesco Express.

It was great to see that so many members of the public took the opportunity to attend the meeting and in many cases to speak either in favour of or against the proposal. The views that were aired were polarised across the debate. Residents showed considerable knowledge of issues surrounding the application, including job creation, job losses, traffic increase, sound pollution, consequence of works to a Listed Building and the impact to the Conservation Area.

Most would agree that the meeting was 'lively'. It was disappointing though that, despite an invitation, no representative from Tesco attended the meeting.

On balance the Cons outweighed the Pros and after consideration the council voted to object to all of the applications relating to the Cross Keys.

The Council expects the chance to view any amended or revised documents. However, should the application be approved, Councillors will seek to ensure that the objections will be adequately addressed prior to the commencement of any works.