

Winterton Town Council Newsletter

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A message from our new Mayor

As a Wintertonian born and bred I am proud to have been elected, once again, to serve as your Mayor.

Since being elected to the Council in 1966 it has been a privilege to see Winterton Town Council develop into a very dynamic and pro-active council. The provision of play areas for the towns-people at Marmion Drive, West Street Park and Newport Drive Playing Field, as well as the purchase of the Old School Hall and the building of Winterton Community Pavilion provide excellent meeting places for various groups in the town. The Town Council Office in West Street where members of the public can drop in to consult our clerk and her staff. We have extended our involvement in the Best Kept Village Competition to include The East Midlands in Bloom Competition, which has resulted in flower beds been established at various points around the town as well as our planters and hanging baskets all enhancing the appearance of Winterton. We have just started the journey to produce a

Neighbourhood Plan for the town which, among other things, will help with guiding the future of housing and the social development of Winterton.

My focus, as always, is to make Winterton a better place to live; cleaner, safer and with a growing range of amenities and at the same time working with other local authorities to ensure that they too provide Winterton with the best possible services. The Town Council are looking to provide outdoor gym equipment, this will be done in partnership with the local 2022 committee. Another partnership with 2022 is the sculpture which has been placed on the front lawn of the cemetery with landscaping to provide a quiet area for visitors to sit and reflect. We would also like to take on the responsibility for cutting the verges and rights of way around our town.

Away from my council work I am heavily involved, as a governor, with the Winterton Federated Junior and Infant Schools and still enjoy the occasional days teaching. It is a pleasure to work in such a excellent schools with it's dedicated and outstanding staff and teach the grandchildren of the pupils I first taught over 50 years ago at the Comprehensive School. It is especially satisfying that both the Infant and Junior schools have been rated GOOD in recent Ofsted inspections.

My other interests are Winterton Agricultural Society, which I was invited to join in 1965, and Winterton and District Lions Club, which I helped set up in 1999. Both organisations give great service to our community and I am still involved with running certain events for these groups. I am also an active member of the Winterton Bowling Club and Normanby Park golf club.

More recent highlights were the receiving of the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List followed by a visit to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, and receiving The Lifetime Achievement Award from North Lincolnshire Council for services to the local community.

Winterton is my life and it is still a great place to live, it has it's problems but along with the other members of the Town Council it gives us an opportunity to address some of those issues in order to improve our community.

Winterton Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council needs your help to draw up the Neighbourhood Plan for Winterton. If you have an hour or so to spare once a month and are interested in your town then you can do something positive in shaping its future. The role is totally non-political, the important fact is that you care about what Winterton will be like in five, ten or even twenty years from now. We need you to help prepare a vision for our community which will become a reality once the Plan is written and approved.

Winterton Town Council has recently distributed, via the OAAIW magazine, a survey to gauge the interest of the townsfolk in preparing a neighbourhood plan or Neighbourhood Development Order as it is sometimes known. This has come about since the government gave the power, under the [Localism Act 2011](#), to local communities to have a greater say in the way they wish to see their community develop. Neighbourhood planning is an important and powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to shape how their communities develop. It also means that the Planning Authority, i.e. North Lincolnshire Council, must take notice of the wishes of the townspeople of Winterton once their plan is approved.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

In very simple terms, a neighbourhood plan is:

A document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications.

- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority

A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place

How do you create a Neighbourhood Plan?

Winterton Town Council is now at a stage where we have consulted with the townsfolk through the survey and are sifting through the replies. If you haven't completed one they are available from the Council Office .

The whole point of a neighbourhood plan is that it is community led. This is where you can help by joining the team that will help shape the future of Winterton.

As a member of the neighbourhood planning group you will need to talk to lots of people locally – residents, businesses, community groups, schools – to find out what's important to them about where they live, what they'd like to improve and what their vision is for the local area.

You'll also need to gather evidence to back up the ideas that the community want to see.

Using feedback and evidence, your next job is to write the planning policies that will make your vision of Winterton a reality.

Once your draft neighbourhood plan is complete, it's submitted to the local authority.

They'll check that you've followed the correct procedures and that all required documents have been submitted, the local authority will then arrange for an independent examiner to check that the plan meets the basic conditions.

Finally, if your plan passes these tests, the local authority will organise a public referendum (vote), so that everyone who lives in Winterton can decide whether they support it.

If more than 50% of the voters are in favour of the plan, the local authority must bring it into force.

This means that it will form part of the statutory development plan for that area, so any decisions about whether or not to grant planning permission in the neighbourhood area in the future must be made by taking your neighbourhood plan into consideration.

Reduction in the number of Councillors

Winterton Town Council had the number of members cut from 18 councillors down to just 9 members in May this year. For many years Winterton, like most other town and parish councils, and had struggled to get sufficient volunteers to act as councillors. In fact Winterton had not had the full complement of councillors for some time. However the cuts to the Council imposed by North Lincolnshire Council were thought to be excessive by many people and consequently many devoted and hard working councillors were lost from the Town Council. The outgoing Town Council objected to such draconian cuts but to no avail.

There were 16 candidates who put their names forward to sit on the Town Council and as a result an election was called. All candidates met the necessary criteria, i.e. they were resident in the town, or they owned property in the town or lived within 3 miles of Winterton.

For the first time in the town's history some candidates stood under a Party Political banner.

Only those residents of Winterton aged 18 and over and on the Electoral Roll were allowed to vote and the results of the poll were as follows:

Ralph Ogg	Local Conservative	731 votes
Paul McCartan	Labour Party	711 votes
Helen Rowson	Local Conservatives	688 votes
Victoria Mumby	Labour Party	662 votes
Donald Johnson	No political affiliation	649 votes
Robert Bridge	No political affiliation	632 votes
Elaine Marper	Local Conservatives	584 votes
Marilynne Harrison	Local Conservatives	551 votes
Norma King	Local Conservatives	520 votes

At the first meeting of the newly elected Town Council Councillor Don Johnson was elected Mayor and Councillor Marilynne Harrison Deputy Mayor. The date and time of the Council's meetings was also changed and from September 2019 the Main Council Meeting will take place on the **second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm** in the Old School Hall. As usual members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any issues of concern.

Unfortunately Councillor Victoria Mumby has resigned from the Council. Vicky will be a great loss to the council because, as the Mayor of Winterton, she worked extremely hard for the community and was a very fair, yet firm, chairperson. She will be sorely missed. Thank you Vicky for your contribution to Winterton.

One of the advantages of the new Council is that for the first time in 8 years there will be Burton and Winterton Ward Councillors sitting on the Winterton Town Council which should make contact with the North Lincolnshire Council more direct. The downside may be that the councillors themselves have more work to do although the retiring council foresaw this problem and cut the number of council committees down to 2, it also reduced the number of organisations where the town council had a representative.

My hope for the new council is that political differences will be put aside and the only considerations are what is in the best interests of the town of Winterton.

Councillor Don Johnson, Town Mayor

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The Bus to Brigg

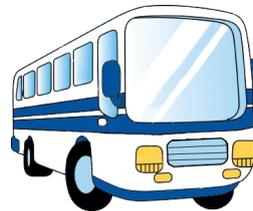
Winterton Town Council is pleased to announce that they will be continuing to run the Thursday Market Day bus to Brigg during school holidays.

Date: Thursday 24th October, 2019

The Bus will pick up on West Street (near the telephone box) at 10.20am, then De Lacy Way, Earlsgate (opposite the Fire Station) & King Street (outside the former 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



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Christmas Events

Bookings for the Christmas Fayre will be taken from **Monday 16th September** and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Booking forms will be available from the Council Office and available to download from our website. As with previous years, we will be looking for a variety of stalls, selling craft and locally made items along with Christmas gifts. There will also be a selection of stalls available for local community groups.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Light Switch on and Craft Fayre—Friday 29th November 2019

Christmas Carols around the Tree—Christmas Eve



Town Council Meetings

Forthcoming dates

Tuesday 10th September 2019

Tuesday 8th October 2019

Tuesday 12th November 2019

Tuesday 10th December 2019

The Town Council now meets in the Old School Hall commencing at 6.00pm. These meetings are open to the public. Local residents can speak but need to arrange this in advance with the Mayor or Town Clerk. Committee meetings are also occasionally held and are advertised on the Council Notice Boards and the Winterton Town Council Website.

Agendas for future meetings and minutes of past meetings can be found on the Town Council Website at www.wintertoncouncil.co.uk