



NEWSLETTER 2021

The Heritage Centre & Meadow

Linby Parish Council are very pleased to report they have purchased the Heritage Centre and Meadow. This has taken us many years to achieve, but we were keen to ensure that this historic site is looked after and protected for many years to come. The Parish Council continue to maintain both the Centre and the Meadow and have planted more wildflowers to attract a wide range of birds and wildlife for all to enjoy.

Floral Displays

You will have noticed the beautiful display of flowers throughout the village this year. We have recently installed Hay Racks which are a lovely addition to the Village. As always, special thanks go to the Parish Councillors and volunteers who help to water the barrels and keep them looking tidy.

Parish Improvements

Your Parish Council has been busy this year and are pleased to report the following achievements:

- Installation of a new Gateway Sign on Church Lane. Thanks to the NCC Local Improvement Scheme for match funding this project
- Improvements to the Village Gateway Signs, which we're sure you will agree look fantastic after a colour change making them a lot more visible
- We continue to maintain all the green spaces in the Parish
- We regularly meet up with other volunteers to litter pick in and around the parish. We appreciate all those that continue to clear any rubbish in front of their homes and gardens.

Donations

Last year, the Parish Council received a Small Business Rates Relief grant from the Government for £10,000.00, this was due to the Parish Council leasing the Heritage Centre. We were pleased to offer donations to the Hucknall Food Bank who provided an invaluable service to local residents during the Covid-19 pandemic and to Papplewick & Linby Preschool Playgroup, who remained open. The remainder of the Grant will be used for special projects and improvements in and around the Parish.

Antisocial Behaviour in the Parish

We have seen an increase in antisocial behaviour and vandalism over the last 12 months. The most recent being setting fire to the picnic benches at the Heritage Centre. We are pleased we were able to replace the benches through an insurance settlement, but it is always disappointing when a few spoil it for the majority. We continue to work closely with the local Police and ask that if you witness any antisocial behaviour, to report it on 101, or if a crime is taking place, call 999. Without these incidents being reported, there is very little the Police can do.

Special Thanks

Lengthsman: The Parish Council would like to thank Andy for carrying out various maintenance work throughout the Parish. We are pleased to report the scheme will continue in 2021/2022.

The Docks: Thanks to Mr Phil Clark for his continued support in clearing and maintaining the docks. This is a big task and is very much appreciated by the Parish Council.

Christmas: Thanks to our local Borough Councillors for their continued support. Their kind donation towards the Christmas tree and lights is very much appreciated. The tree on the Village Green was beautifully decorated by the children of Linby-cum-Papplewick Primary School.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Projects

The Parish Council receive a percentage of CIL payments from Gedling Borough Council for housing developments within the Parish. This money can be spent on infrastructure within the Parish. Councillors on the CIL Working Party Group will meet regularly to discuss CIL projects. Currently these include creation of a play park and orchard behind the Horse & Groom Pub and restoration of the footpaths within the Village, many of which are in a very poor state. Before any large projects go ahead, a public consultation will be held. Details will be available on our website and in the noticeboards.

Bonfire Event Update

Unfortunately, this years' Bonfire Event has to be cancelled due to Covid-19. We will be hosting it again in 2022 alongside Papplewick Parish Council and it promises to be an amazing event! We will be looking for volunteers to help, so please get in touch next year if you are able to help out



Top Wighay Development Update

The strategic site at Top Wighay has started to move forward with the accesses being put in place. We did not agree with the proposals in full and felt many of the traffic issues remain. We made our views known through our own Traffic and Planning Consultant. These can be observed on our website under planning. Outline planning permission has been approved but as yet no further detailed applications have been received. We will continue to make robust responses if key issues are not addressed.

Upcoming Events

- Carols around the Tree – This is always a wonderful event at a very special time of year – this event will depend on Covid-19 and Government restrictions.
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, June 2022 – 4 days of celebrations to mark this momentous occasion! Includes a barn dance, open gardens and much more! More details to follow...
- Linby Heritage Centre Open Days – We are hoping that next year we will be able to open our doors to the Heritage Centre once again!
- For updates and new events keep a look out on our website – www.linby.org.uk

Objectives for the year ahead

- Ensure we continue to provide robust representation for the strategic site at Top Wighay
- Arrange a community event to plant trees at the Heritage Centre

Parish Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month except August and December at St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Linby and commence at 7.30pm. Please visit our website in case of any changes to the dates or venue.

We are always happy to receive your comments and suggestions on anything to do with the parish, so please do feel free to get in touch with us via the Clerk – Liz Gretton at liz.linby@sky.com or Tel: 07971700434