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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

Monday	Parent and Toddler Group	10-00 a.m 11.30 a.m.
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday	Creation Station	9.30 a.m 11.30 a.m.
	Dance Class	Noon - 4.00 p.m.
Wednesda	y Vitality Fitness	9.45 a.m 10.45 a.m.
	Dance Class	Noon - 9.30 p.m.
Thursday	Yoga	10.00 a.m Noon
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m 4.00 p.m.
Saturday	Dance Class	9.00 a.m 4.00 p.m.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly. For more information contact girlguiding.org.uk.

The Cardiac Chat Group meet each second Tuesday of the month, 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m..

The Macular Society meet alternative months.

The Lincs Trust for Nature Conservation meet every second Friday of the month (Oct - April) 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m..

Bookings for private functions - Carol Bradford 01400 250744

County Council Representatives

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Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 12.30—13.00 on the following Mondays, January 14th, February 11th

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South Cliff Villages Group NOT FROM THE RECTORY



St Paul once wrote of his life as consisting 'in journeyings often' [2 Corinthians chapter 11:26] and – with the evidence of these 'Not from the Rectory' letters - you may conclude that this rector's life follows the same pattern.

Many of you will remember Hilary Minster who played General Von Klinkerhoffen in the BBC sitcom 'Allo 'Allo and I could say that on this occasion I was heading in search of his sister Beverley Minster! Be that as it may an LNER train took me to Doncaster where I joined the Northern Rail service from Sheffield to Scarborough through to Hull crossing the Ouse at Goole [Hull Trains take the alternative route via Selby] and so on to Beverley with its elegant canopied station spanning the platforms and tracks.

Beverley as well for example as Southwell are both minster churches staffed originally by priests who took the Christian gospel out to surrounding areas at a time before the formation of the parish system with which we are familiar. The minster at Beverley started life as a monastery founded by St John of Beverley to whose shrine pilgrims came. The building we see today was started in the early 13th century and work was substantially complete by 1400. With the Reformation the monastery was suppressed but the minster became the local parish church for this part of the East Riding.

The original central tower collapsed about the year 1213 and was never replaced. The space beneath the tower is today occupied by a nave altar – a round table dating to 1970 around which the people of God gather to celebrate the Christian family meal of the Eucharist. On the day of my visit there was the opportunity to buy soup and a bread roll for lunch and listen to an organist from Hull rehearsing the concert due to be given later that day on the Johann Snetzler organ of 1767/69 with much of its original pipe work still in use today.

The visitor is urged to find time to visit Beverley's 'other' church – that of St Mary's which can be found just to the south of the North Bar and of which Simon Jenkins wrote in his book 'England's Thousand Best Churches' that 'If Beverley had no Minster, St Mary's would still draw crowds to the town' and awards them respectively 5 and 4 stars.

The Christmas gospel is all about 'journeyings often' with the Holy Family first travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem [Luke 2:4] and then fleeing to Egypt before returning to Nazareth [Matthew 2: 13 and 2: 19-23] while the Wise Men will make their journey from the east [Matthew 2:1] but will return home by another way [Matthew 2:12]

May your own journeying bring you to worship the Christ Child.

With every good wish for the New Year.

Stuart Hadley, Rector of the South Cliff Villages Groupwww.southcliffchurches.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS

Rest in Peace

Belton 26th November 2018 Jean Hannah Woods

Barkston 3rd December 2018 Elizabeth Cole

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE COFFEE MORNINGS

We are holding regular coffee mornings in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30 a.m.—12 noon.

Everyone welcome, please come along and join us.

Janet, Linda, Chris, Russ





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{Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council continued}

Broken Manhole Covers A discussion took place on this outstanding matter, Cllr Thornton stated that a number of manhole covers between Belton Woods Hotel and the Belton Lane junction, were in a poor state of repair and a trip hazard, some had been repaired since the last meeting, but there was still one that was a trip hazard. Clerk reported that he had contacted LCC and outlined their response Clerk to follow up, again

Speed Limit Manthorpe village – Cllr Knight spoke to this initially, out lining concerns re the 40 mph limit through Manthorpe . A general discussion took place. Cllr Knight was thanked for her research into this matter, and County Cllr Wootten would raise this at the next LCC meeting, where he would be speaking to this issue. Thanks were given to County Cllr Wootten for his past work re speed limits and his help and support.

Accounts. Clerk updated the meeting re the accounts and circulated the Income/Expenditure since the last meeting. Movement on the accounts had been minimal. Resolved the accounts be accepted by the members.

Correspondence –Clerk updated the meeting on correspondence received since the last meeting, the vast majority was via email which had been forwarded to the Cllrs, and Clerk had updated Cllr Thompson personally, as appropriate. An email had been received from British Red Cross offering First Aid learning at no cost to P.C. and vulnerable groups in the P.C. area. Clerk to follow up. Also an email from Lincs Fire and Rescue re trailing a government backed emergency text alerting system. Discussion took place on this and resolved that P.C. are happy to commit to this. Cllr K Gibson offered to be the primary contact, Clerk the secondary.

Date and Time of Parish Council Future Meetings.

February 21st 2019 at Manthorpe. 7.30 p.m.

May 23rd 2019 at Belton. 7 p.m. – To include The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Chris Morgan Clerk

POLICE MATTERS

I am, PCSO Barbara Mooney, the local PCSO for the north of the rural of Grantham and cover up to thirty villages.

I carry out a police beat surgery at the outreach post office on St Nicholas Close, Barkston on a Monday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to Noon. This isn't every week due to being also committed with police reported incidents and my shift patten changing.

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URGENT APPEAL !!!

The Village Hall Short Mat Bowls Club are urgently in need of " New Blood ".

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BELTON AND MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd November at The Old School House, Belton at 7.30pm

Present. Cllrs K. Gibson (Chairman) S. Syddall, (Vice Chair) S Thompson, C Thornton, J. Knight, R.Hallam, M. Morris, In attendance Chris. Morgan (Clerk and Proper Officer). County Cllr Ray Wootten,

Chairman's Remarks. Cllr Gibson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present, Cllr Gibson also went on to thank Londonthore and Harrowby Without P.C. for their kind invitation to attend the recent planting of a memorial tree and the ceremony to commemorate those who had fallen in WW1. Cllr Gibson was also grateful to Belton Parish Church for the work that had been carried out on the new gates at the church and the ceremony she had attended.

Apologies for Absence – None, all present.

Declarations of Interest – None.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th September 2018. – It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record, proposed by Cllr C.Thornton. seconded Cllr S.Thompson. and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Belton Liaison Comm (BLC). Cllr Syddall, updated the meeting on the recent Belton Liaison Committee Meeting and handed out the draft minutes from that meeting and only those matters relevant to the P.C. would be discussed at this meeting. Item 2.6.1 in the BLC meeting related to the proposed Biomass Boiler that would be located in the wood yard. This had not yet been validated by SKDC planning dept so the relevant plans had not been circulated and were not available. Cllr S.Sydall stated that the parish councillors and Belton villagers wanted to work with the National Trust to try and mitigate issues that were of concern, these included position, type of building, emissions and "feeding". It was stated that National Trust had listened to concerns from the village and had reacted to those concerns. Cllr C.Thornton stated that he would have liked more feedback from National Trust re the Biomass Boiler, before the plans had been submitted to SKDC planning dept. Constitution of future meetings was discussed. Resolved that Cllr S.Sydall with either Cllr C Thornton or Cllr S Thompson would attend future meetings. Tony Hopwell to step down from this forum.

Mounting Post for Reactive speed sign. Full support from both the P.C. and National Trust.

The poor state of the sides of Minnetts Hill had been reported to the County Council, who had replied that it was unlikely that any large scale works would be undertaken, owing to lack of budget provision, although efforts would be made to keep the area safe.

The Clerk was asked to request that the path opposite the Village Hall be sided back, as had been requested many times, following the completion of work along the road into Syston.

It was mentioned that on the western side of the A607 near the central refuge there was little space for pedestrians to wait, resulting in them being uncomfortably close to the road. Clerk to ask the County Council to release more space if possible.

Various results and comments made in regard to planning applications were reported. It was noted that the application to the rear of 21 West Street, Barkston had been approved. An objection had been made to the application for the change of use of a garage to a holiday let at 5 Church Street, Barkston.

The six monthly risk inspection had been carried out in September, and no issues raised, with the exception of one horse chestnut on the Village Green, which was considered to be dangerous, being half dead. Arrangements had been made for the tree to be felled and removed at no cost. It was agreed to consider a replacement.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2019 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall

ART AND CRAFT

We hold a Craft Meeting in the St. Nicholas Centre on the afternoon of the 1st Wednesday of each month.

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BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 12th November. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Ian Stokes and County Councillor Ray Wootten. District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown (SKDC) sent apologies.

One member of the public attended and raised three issues concerning West Street, namely speed of traffic, volume of traffic and on-road parking. Speed was mentioned as a significant issue and she wondered if traffic calming could be a solution. These issues were constant problems, and affected things like deliveries to properties, when vehicles were unable to gain access. Also significant was parking on the north side of the Village Green, where vehicles turning left off the A607 found their access blocked by parked cars. It was suggested that the existing double yellow lines could be extended to deal with this issue. Councillor Wootten wondered if the Community Speedwatch scheme could help, but was reminded that the Parish Council had, earlier in the year, decided not to proceed with participation, and had considered that the proper approach was via the Police. The resident agreed to look into the preparation of a petition outlining the issues raised for submission to the County Council.

In regard to the proposed 50 mph speed limit between Manthorpe and Barkston, the County Council had confirmed that the order would be brought into operation on 19th January 2019.

Various potholes which had been referred for repair had been done, but not all satisfactorily, and the Clerk was asked to again refer these. Councillor Hine reported that the visibility for pedestrians at the Syston turn from the A607 had improved as a result of the recent trimming of roadside trees/bushes.

Blocked drains at the bottom of Minnetts Hill and near The Stag had been referred for attention, and gully emptying had been scheduled.

Following a query in regard to the state of the hedge and ditch bordering the A607 side of Thorold Gardens, south of the pedestrian gate, it had been established that responsibility for this was that of the adjoining landowners, and not the County Council. Discussion also took place about the best way to display the minutes of the meeting - Cllr K Gibson to upload them on to the P.C. web site under the BLC section of the site.

Village Green –Cllr S Thompson apologized to the meeting re her previous comments about the village green at Belton, saying that she had been misinformed by a number of villages who had stated that the village green belonged to the village, whereas it does actually belong to National Trust. Cllr S.Sydall. stated that Rachel Walker of National Trust had stated that she would speak to the relevant resident who had been churning up the Green by driving over it.

Planning applications since the last meeting and Biomass Bolier -Biomass boiler dealt with under 5 above. Clerk, Chris Morgan updated the meeting, stating that there have been a number of planning applications submitted to SKDC, of which copies have been circulated via email, or he had spoken directly to Cllr Sally Thompson. The majority of these were straight forward, with the council offering no objections. However, Planning App s18/1072 30 Low Rd Manthorpe. Extension to rear, discussion on this, Resolved – P.C. had no objections in principle but did have concerns about the UPVC windows being inappropriate and that we were to request planning condition that timber windows be used. This is consistent with the P.C's representations regarding the recent new builds in the village. The P.C. do not feel that UPVC windows are appropriate, given the fact that this is a conservation area, and it was felt that UPVC had no place in a conservation area. Clerk to submit concerns to SKDC planning. Concerns also raised over S17/2155 Oldrids/Downtown re the proposal for outline planning permission – for the erection of a Designer Outlet Centre – Main concerns over the increased traffic within the P.C. area – Clerk to reiterate previous objections and write to SKDC planning.

Drainage Belton: Clerk stated that he had contacted SKDC, as requested and they were appreciative of the feedback.

Well Walk Manthorpe Cllr Hallam spoke to this item, stating that she was concerned about the upkeep of this walk. It was in a poor state of repair and a Health and Safety hazard. Clerk stated that he had spoken to both SKDC and LCC and had been "passed from pillar to post" however in the last communication it appeared that LCC were taking responsibility and had promised to resolve by May 2019 – District Cllr Ray Wootten stated he would try and follow this up with LCC to get a resolution.

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THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	6th Jan	13th Jan	20th Jan	27th Jan	
BARKSTON		10.30am HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30 a.m HC/SH				
BRANDON			09.00 a.m HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		6.00 p.m EP/VicR		6.00 p.m HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.30 a.m HC/ValR	6.00pm SH	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/MC		10.30 a.m HC/SH		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00 a.m HC/SH		09.00 a.m MP/BW	
HOUGHAM				09.00 a.m HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH	09.30 a.m MP/VicR	9.00 a.m MP//CS		
SYSTON			10.30 a.m HC/MC		

In Addition: see church notice boards or web site www.southcliffchurches.uk

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday	Other Barkston Services
3rd Feb	10th Feb	17th Feb	24th Feb		Wholeness and
	10.30 a.m HC/SH				Healiing 2.30 p.m. St Nicholas
10.30 a.m HC/MC					Church Dates 8th Jan, 12th Feb
		09.00 a.m HC/SH			Prayer and Praise
	6.00 p.m EP/Vic R		6.00 p.m HC/SH		38 West Street, Barkston 3p.m. 01400 250339
	10.30 a.m HC/VR	6.00 a.m CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH		Dates 7th, 21st Jan 4th, 18th Feb.
10.30 a.m HC/SH		10.30 a.m HC/MC			St Nicholas Knitting Circle Community Centre
					St Nicholas Close Barkston
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	9.30 a.m MP/Vic R	10.30 a.m HC/SH			