**SALTFLEETBY PARISH MEETING 2023**

**Parish Council Report 2023**

The regular business of our Council involves attempts to get roads and footpaths repaired, reduce speeding through the village, the maintenance of St Clement’s churchyard and the Jubilee boxes and verges. We are invited to review planning applications and we liaise with our County and District Councillors on issues that concern our parishioners. A part of your Council tax (the precept) pays for these services but the councillors are all volunteers. We also administer the Gayton Wind Farm Fund. This can’t be used for anything that we have a statutory duty to provide, for example St Clement’s Churchyard, but we can use it for things like newsletters and village signs. We are open to Parishioners suggesting new projects that the Parish Council can undertake or help with.

The two village telephone boxes that have been repaired using Wind Farm funds and are now in position at Marshlands and All Saints Church. We thank Martin Chapman and Eddie Clark for their hard work in siting these and fitting them out inside.

A representative of Lincolnshire County Council Highways visited the village to investigate the more urgent highway issues the village has and Councillor McNally drew attention to the state of the footpath along the B1200 from St Peter’s Church to the double bends. We understand work is scheduled for later this year.

I am sure that many of you will be aware of the worrying increase in waiting times for Ambulances. We have two defibrillators in the village already, one at the Prussian Queen and the second at Marshlands. We are in the process of renewing the electrical supply at the Snooker Club, to make it fit for a third Defibrillator which will be in place as soon as this is completed. We have a mannequin to practice CPR and a defibrillator trainer. In the case of a cardiac arrest minutes are critical and we would like all residents to feel confident that they could use the defibrillators or administer CPR in an emergency. Please contact us if you would like a visit to your group for training on these devices. If you dial 999 you may not be told to go and fetch a defibrillator if you live more than 500 metres from the nearest machine, but if you have a neighbour or a member of your household who can go and fetch one, please tell the ambulance service and you should be given the code.

The Community Speed Gun is now in operation and has already caught several motorists exceeding the speed limit. However we do need volunteers to do the training and then go out as part of a team to monitor traffic through the village. The road safety partnership vans that monitor speeding are making regular visits to the village but they are often visible from a long way back so we are not sure how effective they are until data is collated.

We have Councillors who have put themselves out to support our village but in truth all the Councillors who give their time up so willingly deserve thanks. We still require more Councillors so we have a full compliment.

Mrs Lesley Dover stood down as Chairman and Councillor at the beginning of the year and we thank her for the dedication she has given to the village as a Councillor over many years.

Mr John Facer has decided he no longer wants to edit or deliver the Village Newsletter, but he still runs his own village Facebook page. The Parish Council is looking into ways of publishing the Newsletter 4 times a year and will be happy if Villagers feel they have contributions for articles of future issues.

Many people in this village keep an eye out for neighbours who may be struggling or isolated, The cost-of-living crisis has now hit the UK and there could well be people who will face real difficulties over the coming year, so please don’t hesitate to let the Parish Council know in confidence if you have any concerns.

We all lead busy lives and there are many demands on our time but all organisations in this village desperately need more villagers to step up and help out. If more people come forward the burden is lighter, currently the same folk are being asked to do a great deal year on year. Please consider offering an hour or two to the Parish Council and other organisations that are run by volunteers in the village that aim to make our village a happier and healthy place.

On Behalf of Saltfleetby Parish Council

John Lusby (Parish Council Chair)