

TETFORD & SALMONBY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

12th September 2020

Tetford Recreation Ground

Between 2pm – 4pm

Please come along and meet your Parish Council at our Councillors' Surgeries on Saturday the 12th of September. This is an opportunity for you to let Parish Councillors know your ideas or concerns regarding any aspect of the village and village life.

We are keen to hear your views and welcome the opportunity to meet with residents in a safe and socially distanced environment. The Parish Council are looking for feedback on our proposed community projects and to hear of any additional ideas you think we should be considering for the future of Tetford & Salmonby. Please have your say and meet with a Councillor at this open surgery.

If you are unable to make the surgery, then please feel free to contact any Councillor or the Clerk by email or phone to express your views.

Copies of past newsletters can be found on the parish web site @

<https://tetford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Please email the Clerk @

tetfordandsalmonbyparishclerk@outlook.com

if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Neighbours,

Having taken up my new role of Chairman in May we sadly haven't had the opportunity to get together either at Council Meetings or even around the village. I have not therefore had the chance to meet as many of you personally as I would have liked but hope this can be rectified at our Councillors' Surgery in September. I look forward to getting to know more of you in a safe environment and hearing your views on the future of our village.

During the lockdown I was impressed at how our community pulled together to help each other. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have helped neighbours along with those businesses that have supported the community by adapting their services. Our village pub became a shop, off-licence and delivered meals. Butchers, greengrocers and fishmongers brought supplies to the village, the outreach post office maintained a service and residents helped others shielding with shopping, prescriptions, newspapers and even celebrating the VE Day Anniversary. I hope we can build on this positive community spirit to continue to make Tetford & Salmonby a great place to live.

As a Parish Council we are taking those tentative steps in moving forward some new community projects and finding solutions to some of those issues that keep cropping up. Although we are not able to hold Council Meetings in the village hall, we continue to work for you and meet monthly via video conference facilities. Any resident is welcome to login to our Parish Meetings to comment in our open forum or if preferred forward their points to a Councillor or the Clerk for inclusion.

Please help us work better for you by getting involved and letting us know your views.

Chairman – Cllr John-Henry Lonie

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH PROGRAMME

Earlier in the year a group of residents undertook their first level training for the community speed watch programme. We hope to be able to continue some roadside training this autumn with a view to rolling out the programme shortly afterwards. This initiative has been in direct response to residents' concerns regarding speeding in the village and we hope it will make Tetford and Salmonby's roads safer for all. If you can spare some time to get involved with this worthwhile programme then please contact the Parish Clerk.

TETFORD VOLUNTEER GROUP

We would like to thank Pete for his excellent role in coordinating the Volunteer Group that keep our village looking so good. I am sure like us you appreciate the work they do. Sadly Pete can't continue in his role after the next planned litter pick on the 13th September and therefore if anyone is able to give a little of their time to help coordinate this group's very worthwhile activities, please speak to either Pete or the Clerk.

LAUNCH OF NEW PARISH WEB SITE



<http://tetford.parish.linconshire.gov.uk/>

Our new Parish web site is now live, and it will act as a source of information for the village as well as provide details of Parish Council business. The new site is linked to our Facebook page and we can publish details of local events or relevant information for residents and visitors. Additional details will continue to be added to the site as it is further developed, but if you have any information you would particularly like to see on the website then please contact the Clerk.

THE LITTLE RED INFO BOX



The Parish Council have purchased the old BT Kiosk in South Road, Tetford for £1, following the decommissioning of the public telephone there. It is proposed that the kiosk is replaced with a traditional K6 red telephone box and the new facility acts as a small information centre. This could include such items such as a suggestion box for ideas/comments for the Parish Council, a village map, the ability to share books or additional seeds/plant cuttings, message board for local events for sale items or possible provision of dog poo bags – the list can go on. We have already obtained a small grant from ELDC but the overall project will cost an estimated £2,500. So, we are seeking residents support and any donations, pledges to bring this bit of British heritage to South Road

PROVISION OF AN ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT AT HAMILTON HALL.

With the emphasis on a future greener environment the Parish Council propose looking into installing an electric car charging point at the village hall. To undertake this project also requires upgrading the halls' internet connection and would therefore provide the opportunity for great flexibility when hiring the premises. Facilities for a community internet connection/café could be considered especially with the greater need for access to online services been made more apparent with the COVID 19 lockdown.

We would welcome your thoughts on this or any other projects along with ideas You may have for facilities within the village.



ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING FACILITY



Following on from the community response to help those in need in the village during the Corona Virus outbreak the Parish Council is proposing to launch a general Good Neighbour Scheme, consisting of a network of volunteers who can offer help and support to their neighbours. This could include shopping, car share, transport to appointments or just putting out and taking in someone's bin for them. The focus is to create a strong community spirit where neighbours help neighbours. We would also like to consider community events such as a fete or BBQ or such like for the village as whole once restrictions permit us to make some plans.