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WELCOME

Together we make a relatively new Parish Council for North Kelsey We wish to introduce ourselves, tell you a little about what a Parish Council does and inform you of some of our ideas for how we can move forward in making this Parish as good a place to live as anywhere in the country - if not better !

What Is A Parish Council ?

A parish council is the lowest level of local Government. We work with the District Authority (West Lindsey) and County Authority (Lincolnshire) who have wider responsibilities than us. As we are the authority closest to the people, we are frequently the first place people will go with concerns or ideas. Our work falls into three main categories:-

Representing the local community

Delivering services to meet local needs

Striving to improve quality of life in the parish

Facebook

We are pleased to announce the launch of a dedicated North Kelsey Parish Council Facebook page.

Whilst we appreciate that a shared Facebook page exists with South Kelsey it was felt that this does not specifically serve North Kelsey Parish and residents sufficiently enough.

The purpose of the new North Kelsey page is to share information and to provide residents with direct access to the Parish Council in order to raise issues and suggestions which can then be captured, reviewed and responded to. This will help the Parish Council to efficiently address items that are important to the people living within the Parish. Please like and share this page and be the first to hear important announcements, news and events in and around North Kelsey.

You can find our page by entering the following link in your web browser or simply searching for North Kelsey Parish Council.

https://www.facebook.com/northkelseypc

Who Does What ?

Births & Deaths Car Parks & Enforcement Child & Family Services Education **Emergency Services** Family Support Flood Risk Management Highways (roads, footpaths, cycleways, rights of way, street lights, potholes, drainage) Newland Leisure Services Libraries Planning (environment) Public Safety Social Care **Trading Standards** Transport (inc schools)



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Animal Safety &Welfare Bins, waste & recycling **Building Control** Council Housing & Benefits Car Parks & Enforcement Council Tax Environmental Health Food & Hygiene Growth & Regeneration Licensing Housing & homelessness Leisure Services Planning Street Cleaning & Verges Tourism

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Email is our preferred method of communication where you'll expect a prompt response.

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Vice Chairman Cllr John Cundill

Councillors Cllr Pam Bryan Cllr Reg Hunt Cllr Philip Jackson Cllr Susan March Cllr David Waite **Cllr Jan Waite Cllr Mary Williams**

Your Clerk to the Council

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North Kelsey Parish Council Projects

We wish to establish clear lines of communication with all residents to ensure that we fully keep you informed of our plans, seek your views on our proposals, and act in accordance with your wishes.

This Flyer is a first step in this. In due course we will develop a Facebook page, a Newsletter and open, free Coffee Mornings for face to face conversations. These will be in addition to the 15 minute Public sessions that begin each of our Council Meetings.

The council is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Playing Field and the Cemetery so these are key priorities for us and we welcome your ideas on how best to develop these assets for the Parish.

As partners with other representative Associations of the Parish, we have a seat on the Community



Association that manages the Village Hall. We are working with the Community Association to ensure that the whole Parish can come together to celebrate the

King's Coronation with an event scheduled for Sunday May 7th.

Beyond this, we are looking to develop an annual Parish party/get-together to help create closer community bonds and joint sense of identity.

We are exploring the possibility of developing "Kelsey in Bloom" and something akin to the successful "Scarecrow" events that other villages participate in.

We will be initiating regular litter-picks to help keep our paths, roadways and public spaces pleasant for all, visitors and locals alike.

And we are investigating whether we need to pursue action to limit, if not eradicate, speeding through our village. Your Views Please.....

As well as any feed-back that you may have on



any of the above ideas, there is a live issue on which we would very much value your opinions. As mentioned, the upkeep of the village Cemetery is a key Parish Council responsibility. You

may have noted that the unused but striking building in the graveyard known as the Mortuary Chapel is in need of some maintenance.

We have instigated work to ensure that the fabric of the building does not deteriorate further through water ingress, but what of the future of the building?

Keeping it water tight over the coming years and decades will require on-going investment. The building will remain standing but continue unused and largely unusable.

Investing in the building to make it usable will take considerably more investment, probably tens of thousands of pounds. And the question then is to what purpose ? What might it be used for ?

It has been suggested that it might be a place to display artefacts relevant to the history of North Kelsey, and/or be the site for a Book of Remembrance. Perhaps there are other ideas?

The third choice is to demolish this building, an act which may well pay for itself through the disposal of reclaimed materials from the site.

What are your thoughts?

And what are your thoughts on the establishment of a "Garden of Remembrance " for the spreading of ashes from Cremation? (This is now a more commonplace choice for the final resting place of a loved one than the traditional grave.)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on xx/xx/xx held at The Village Hall commencing at 7 pm.

There is a 15 minute public session whereby members of the public can ask questions. Our Ward and District Councillors are normally in attendance who can also answer any relevant questions.