

Happy New Year Everyone!

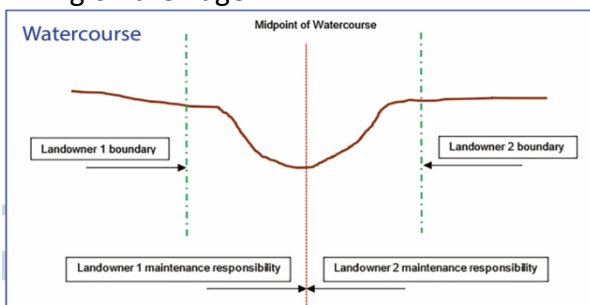
I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and looking forward to the new year ahead. Firstly, our vacancy for a new Councillor has now been filled and we would like to welcome Cllr Graham Harris to our team.

With the winter months being among us we seem to have only carried out a few projects but are planning more for this year. As you will see we finally tamed the perimeter hedge around the playing field and will also be clearing the dyke. Hopefully now this will be kept clean and tidy yearly.

Some of you may be aware the Grass Cutting Contract was up for the 3-year renewal, this has now been awarded to MKS Groundcare Limited.

We still have problems on West Street with the flooding and don't seem to be much further with Lincolnshire Highway. We have invited Head of Highways to our next parish council meeting and will let you know of any further progress as soon as possible.

The maintenance of rivers, streams and ditches is usually the responsibility of the "Riparian Landowners" who own land on either bank. If you are such a landowner, you will have both rights and responsibilities associated with the ditches, or other watercourses, flowing through or adjacent to your property. The Environmental Agency has produced a guide to the rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership called 'Living on the Edge'.



There are, however, some general rules which can be applied to ascertain responsibility for ditch or watercourse maintenance. If you are a landowner, to reduce the risk of flooding to neighbouring properties, the law requires that you maintain your ditches and drains to prevent flooding. Failure to do so may result in a legal liability for the damage that any resultant flooding may cause.

More information can be found on the Government Website

[Owning a watercourse - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse)

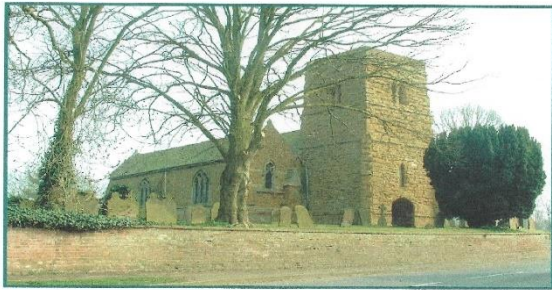
Within the Parish Council we have set up three working group to enable us to achieve our goals throughout the year, these consist of a Strategic, Environmental & Communication and each group has a remit to improve, monitor and develop or maintain the following

- Strategic - A long-term strategy, helping to ensure that North Kelsey is a pleasant and safe environment for residents and villagers in the future
- Environment – The village environment, helping to ensure that North Kelsey is a pleasant and safe environment for residents and villagers
- Communication - Parish Council engagement with the local community, helping to ensure that residents are informed and aware of Parish Council business.



The Parish Council have liaised with Lincolnshire Police as concerns were raised regarding the high level of Violence and Sexual Offences reported in the Caistor Neighbourhood Policing, (48.5%). The Parish Council have agreed to support the Lincolnshire Police in reducing Violence and Sexual Assault crimes through sign posting individuals to the correct material and places of safety. Further information - Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Specialist Service - Call 01522 510041: 9am - 5pm, Monday – Friday or <https://ldass.org.uk/>

History - Religion



ALL HALLOWES CHURCH

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The first known description of the church comes from “Holles’ Church Notes” for 1642. The first known restoration was in 1784, resulting in a building very different from the earliest one. The exterior appearance of the new building can be seen from a drawing made in 1795 by *Nattes*, which is held in the Local Studies Collection of Lincoln City Library. Written descriptions, dated 1832 & 1846, provide more details – the church interior comprised a chancel, nave and tower floor – entire interior length 101’ 6” ; interior width 22’ 8””.

At a Vestry meeting in 1859 the minutes record a request for an extensive rebuilding “*the present Church being insufficient for the inhabitants of the parish*”. Except for the tower, the Church was extensively restored in 1869 at a cost of £1,000, “£500 to be raised by voluntary efforts and £150 from a Church Rate”. The result was the building as it is now.

There remains some confusion and doubt about the exact dedication of the parish church. No dedication is mentioned in any medieval references – it was common practice where there was only one church in a place simply to give it the name of that place. However, in the will of *John Norris, dated 1608*, some money was left to the church, referring to it as “*All Hallows*”. In 1964 the Subdean of Lincoln Cathedral told the vicar at the time that there was a regulation dating back to the reign of Henry VIII which decreed that any church with no known dedication should be referred to as All Hallows. One possible explanation for confusion over the dedication may have arisen from the fact that a church dedicated to St Nicholas in South Kelsey had been demolished circa 1860 and that some of its stone was used in the reconstruction of the church in North Kelsey. For whatever reason, the parish church of North Kelsey was known as St Nicholas’ in the 19th century, but as All Hallows today.



A new **cemetery with a mortuary chapel**, built by the parish Burial Board, was opened in 1889, after the church graveyard was closed. This was not before a question was put to the Home Secretary in the Commons and then referred to the Divisional Court of the Queen’s Bench, which ruled that the Burial Board had, by law, to apply to the Bishop of the Diocese for the consecration of a section of the graveyard. It seems that the Burial Board was seeking, in common with others elsewhere in the country, an undertaking that there would be no fee charged for the consecration and, more importantly,

that the clergy would not claim a fee for any burials at which they do not officiate, nor that the freehold of the land would remain with the vicar of the parish. In the end the bishop agreed to meet the fees himself, and that the freehold would remain with the Burial Board. The required portion of the cemetery was consecrated May 20th, 1895 (*Lincolnshire Gazette & Times*).

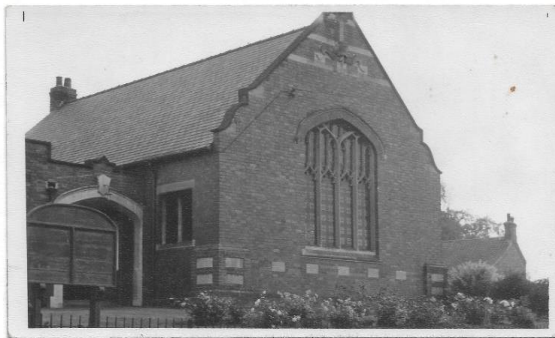


The Primitive Methodist Chapel on Owmbly Lane, North Kelsey Moor, still exists but stands unused. It first opened in 1835, was rebuilt in 1855, enlarged and a Sunday school added in 1935. It finally closed in 2004.



The first mention of a “newly erected **Primitive Methodist Chapel** in North Kelsey”, was reported in the *Stamford Mercury* in November 1838. An advertisement placed in April 1848 invited tenders to build a new chapel in North Kelsey, using materials to be taken from the old chapel, subject to the approval of the surveyor. The *Freemans Journal* reported in March 1883 that the Primitive Methodists opened a new chapel in North Kelsey to seat 180. The building cost £500 and included a school room. The foundation stone had been laid in August 1882. In February 1885 the *Stamford Mercury*

reported that, with money donated by a visitor, a “*Yorkshire Gentleman*”, a Liberal Club Room had opened in the chapel to function as a club and reading room. The chapel appears to have no longer been in use by 1906 when, in October, the *Lincolnshire Echo* reported that the Rechabites and Temperance Society (registered with the Friendly Societies Act) had “*purchased the disused Primitive Methodist Chapel in North Kelsey and made it suitable for a public hall*”. The chapel located on the High Street seems, however, only formally to have closed in 1963 when its congregation joined with that of the Wesleyan chapel. This building has since been demolished.



The first **Wesleyan chapel** in North Kelsey was built 1796 but replaced by a new building in 1848/49. In April 1867 the *Stamford Mercury* reported that the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in North Kelsey had been certified as a place of religious worship and registered for solemnizing marriages – perhaps this was in relation to the Places of Worship Act 1855. In April 1897 tenders were invited for the erection of a new Wesleyan chapel and school in North Kelsey, on land given by the late Mr Foulding, the building on Chapel Street is still in use today.

[What's On – Community Events](#)

[The Women's Institute](#)

Meet at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Visitors & new members are always welcome. For more details call Joyce on 01652 678549

[The Kelsey Knits & Natters](#)

Every Tuesday afternoon 4 – 6pm at The Butchers Arms Pub.

Everyone is welcome even if they don't knit. They can bring other crafts along.

[North Kelsey Youth Club](#)

The North Kelsey Youth Club is held every Friday night in the North Kelsey Village Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for ages 9 years and above. Entry 50p.

[The Methodist Church](#)

Second Monday of the Month Tea & Cake from 2.30 – 4.00pm in the Methodist Chapel

They also hold the North Kelsey History Meeting at the same time. Come along, have a chat and reminisce.

The Village Hall

Mondays: 9-15 to 10-15 am, FitSteps. 10-20 to 11-20 am, Pilates

Tuesdays: 6 to 7 pm, Pilates Wednesdays: 2-3pm Tai Chi

1st Saturday of every month: Bingo

2nd Thursday of every month: Lunch Club @ 12 noon

3rd Thursday of every month: Breakfast Club 9-30 to 11-30 am.

Wednesdays in school term time, Kelsey Stay & Play Toddler group £2 per family to include refreshments.

Fridays: Early Years Alliance "Get Active"

North Kelsey Bowls Club

Meet every Saturday at 4pm – During Summer Months

1st Grasby Scouts

Tuesday Evenings from 7.30 – 9.00pm Are you aged 10 – 13 and looking for adventure?

Do you want to learn how to light fires, cook on them and other #skillsforlife?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then email 1stgrasbygsl@gmail.com for more information.

All Hallows Church

Services at All Hallows - The first Sunday of the month 10.30am. Morning prayer, reflection and hymns.

Coffee Mornings - 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am to noon.

October to March at the village hall. April to September in the church.

Lent lunches on Tuesdays throughout Lent beginning 11th March, noon in the church. Homemade soup, bread & cheese. Donations going to support impoverished and homeless.

Coffee/Tea and time to reflect and pray during Lent - From Wednesday 12th March, 9.15 to 10.15 at All Hallows.

Contact Revd Marian if you want more details. marian.toyne63@gmail.com or 01652 679057

Your Village Needs You!

Can you give up a few hours of your time each month?

We are looking for volunteers to join our village's Community Speed Watch team



What is Community Speed Watch?

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communities.

Volunteers work in association with the Police and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. Warning signs are displayed on the approach to a speed check area, and volunteers wearing high visibility clothing use a speed detection device to record a vehicles speed. Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit will be sent letters of advice from the police.

Who can be a volunteer?

Anyone who is over 18 can volunteer and full training will be given. Community Speed Watch teams will comprise of a minimum of three trained volunteers, so you will never be expected to work alone.

How do I find out more?

If you would like to find out more about the scheme or would like to register your interest as a volunteer, please email clerk@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact Us

Email is our preferred method of communication where you'll expect a prompt response. Please note the Clerk is employed for 8 hours per week, so there may be a delay in returning calls.

clerk@northkelseyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillors

Cllr David Waite – Chairman

Cllr Susan March – Vice Chair

Cllr Pamela Bryan, Cllr John Cundill,

Cllr Graham Harris, Cllr Reg Hunt,

Cllr John Slater, Cllr Jan Waite,

Cllr Mary Williams

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. You can email us or come along to the meeting; we have a Public Session every month.