



North Leverton With Hablesthorpe Parish Council

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to wish all our parishioners and Happy New Year for 2025 and trust everyone enjoyed their festive season.

The Christmas tree was once again erected in the grounds of the Royal Oak on the 1st of December. The Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to J S Highfield Transport for once again sponsoring the tree's purchase and for the provision of the telehandler to aid in the erection and

removal activities. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of this year's band of volunteers without whose help this annual event would not be possible.

Finally we must extend our thanks to the Royal Oak for allowing the tree to be sited in the beer garden, the provision of the electric and for the catering provided to the workers, your support is very much welcomed.



DOG MESS



The number of incidents of dog owners failing to clear up after their pets is on the increase. It is also apparent that St Martins churchyard is a particular 'hot spot' for this antisocial behaviour. Indeed the situation has become so bad that there is a very real danger that the village grass cutting contractor will refuse to work in that particular location for health and safety reasons – it is totally unacceptable for them to have to tolerate being sprayed with dog mess when they are strimming around headstones and footpath edges!

Unless we can persuade dog owners to clean up after their pets the churchyard grass will no longer be cut!

We know that the condition of the churchyard is of great importance to those wishing to spend time visiting the graves of their departed relatives and that any cessation of its upkeep will undoubtedly be both unwanted and upsetting. So could we please remind dog owners to clear up after their pets so that other people can visit not only the churchyard but also any of the other recreational areas located around the village. There are numerous dog bins located throughout the village so there really is no excuse for you not to use them. Please do remember to clear up after your pet so that we can all enjoy and appreciate the village - the actions of a few are spoiling it for the many!

We look forward to your cooperation.
Thank You

RIPARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

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through, underneath or next to your property it's your responsibility to look after them. The legal term for this is Riparian Ownership.

The following two information sheets give details of your rights and responsibilities as a riparian owner.

Watercourses on or next to your property



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What are your rights and responsibilities as a riparian owner?

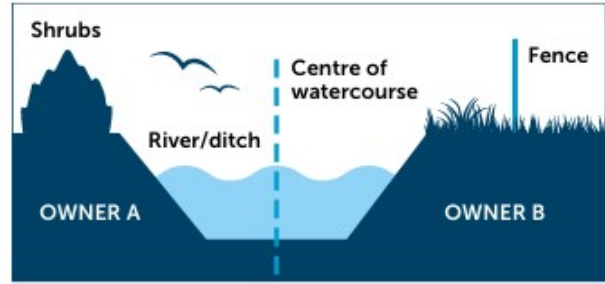
As a riparian owner you must:

- keep structures that you own, such as culverts and trash screen weirs, clear from debris.
- maintain the bed and banks of the watercourse, including shrubs and trees.
- clear away debris, even if it did not originate from your land.
- allow water to run through your section of the watercourse without any obstruction, pollution or diversion.
- not impact the rights of your downstream neighbour which in turn means that you will not be impacted by your upstream neighbour.



What are the common problems that can affect a watercourse?

- Installing culverts/pipes that are too small and create a blockage.
- Not keeping culverts/pipes/trash screens clear.
- Allowing silt to build up, which can reduce the capacity and block the watercourse.
- Failing to keep vegetation under control.
- Disposal of garden waste and domestic rubbish, either on the bank or within the watercourse.



What happens if I don't undertake my riparian responsibilities?

Nottinghamshire County Council will give you the opportunity to carry out any necessary work in a timely manner. If the work is not carried out, you could face legal action under the Land Drainage Act 1991. If a road floods because of an obstruction in a ditch, then the Highway Authority may take legal action requiring you to clear it.

Can I make changes to a watercourse?

Yes, however you must obtain the correct **CONSENTS** and/or **PERMITS** from the relevant authorities (see below) before carrying out changes to a watercourse. More information on how to submit an application can be found online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/flooding-help-and-advice/waterway-changes



Via East Midlands, wholly owned by Nottinghamshire County Council, manages the highway network. This includes gullies, bridges and culverts within the highway. This does not include roadside ditches as they are the responsibility of the adjacent riparian landowner.

Visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 500 80 80

Internal Drainage Boards manage select watercourses and pumping stations in low lying fen and valley areas. Contact:

Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board

by email: info@tvidb.co.uk or telephone 01636 704371

Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board

by email: enquiries@lmbd.co.uk

Seven Trent Water owns and maintains the public sewage system. Further information and contacts. Visit www.stwater.co.uk

For more information visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse

Further information and contacts

There are a number of authorities and organisations that have statutory powers over the condition of, and work on, watercourses in Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible for the management of Flood Risk from surface water run-off from groundwater and smaller watercourses (known as Ordinary Watercourses). As Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), the County Council has permissive powers and statutory duties to manage and co-ordinate local flood risk management activities in Nottinghamshire.

Contact flood.team@nottscc.gov.uk, visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 500 80 80.

The Environment Agency manages the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea.

Contact enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or telephone 03708 506 506.



LAND AT HABBLESTHORPE

Isn't it wonderful that the Parish Council has bought the land in Hablesthorpe! This exciting acquisition marks a new chapter for our community. It's more than just land, it's a canvas for our collective imagination.

We're thrilled to announce that we'll be holding an event in the next few weeks to bring everyone together and discuss the potential of

this new land. From green spaces to community gardens, the possibilities are endless, and we want your input to make it truly special!

This is a fantastic opportunity to unite our vibrant community, share ideas and shape the future of this community space.

Stay tuned for more details about the event and get

ready to be part of something incredible! Let's come together, get involved, and make a difference!



NEW COUNCILLOR



We are pleased to announce that in November we co-opted a new Councillor, Julia Thomas, bringing the Council to a full complement of nine councillors.

Julia is enthusiastic and has already settled in well to her new role making valuable contributions to proceedings.

CHILDREN OF NORTH LEVERTON! WE NEED YOU!!

Are you wishing you had somewhere to ride your scooter or skateboard? Are you longing for another slide? Or maybe you're tired of having to fetch the ball each time it goes over the fence.

Now is the time to have your say!

We're currently looking at ways to improve, upgrade and add additional facilities in the park and we would

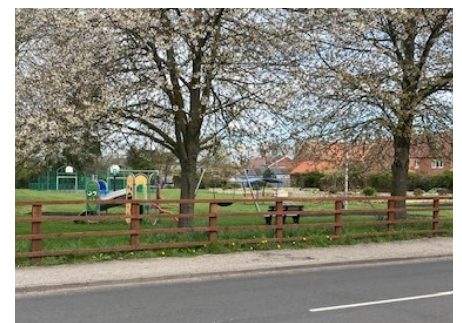
appreciate your input about what you would like and not like.

Stay tuned for future updates as we look to come around to the school and potentially have an open meeting where we can discuss things further.

(Please note that all suggestions may not be feasible and will come down to financial and

planning restraints and may take a year or two to deliver)

Many thanks



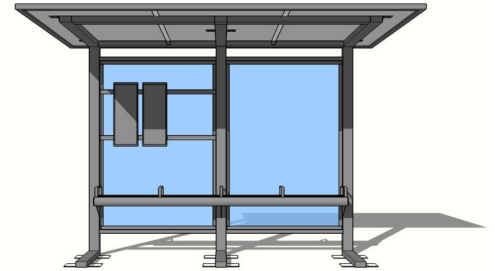
BUS SHELTER UPDATE



We have been informed by the county council that an

order has been placed for a replacement shelter.

These are built to order, however, and due to the volume of work at their suppliers they do not currently anticipate installing the shelter until April this year. We will of course keep you informed on the progress of this matter.



NORTH HUMBER TO HIGH MARNHAM NATIONAL GRID UPDATE

Please see below an extract from a recent email the Parish Council received from the National Grid regarding their intended North Humber to High Marnham project.

'Between June and July 2023, we held a Stage 1 (non-statutory) consultation for North Humber to High Marnham where we presented our early-stage proposals, followed by a localised non-statutory consultation between July and August 2024.

In response to feedback received so far, we are

reaching out to Parish Councils to better understand about how we can engage with seldom heard and hard-to-reach groups in the local community. If there are any specific groups you are aware of that we should engage with as part of our upcoming consultation please do let us know. We are keen to reach out to them as we continue to develop our consultation strategy and prepare for our statutory consultation. We would be grateful to receive any suggestions by the end of January 2025.'

If you are aware of any such group could you please forward your suggestions to the Clerk whose contact details are on the rear of this newsletter.

Thank You










Places in Town

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words scramble

Unscramble the letters to make the word

Say	Letters	Unscramble
	rantasurte
	kberay
	sapkermurte
	pictofofes
	larriby ezpzlearn.com

PARISH COUNCILLORS

MALCOLM FERGUSON (CHAIR)

SAM TIMMONS

SUE FERGUSON

JAY STEELS

PHIL JOHNSON

JULIA THOMAS

STEPH BAKER (VICE CHAIR)

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**If you need to contact a particular councillor they each have a
PC email address and can be contacted as below:**

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PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS

3rd February 2025

3rd March 2025

7th April 2025

12th May 2025

2nd June 2025

7th July 2025

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www.northlevertonwithhabblesthorpeparishcouncil.gov.uk**

and

**North Leverton with Habblesthorpe Parish
Council Facebook Page**