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Please be considerate when contacting councillors, they are happy to be contacted but please not too late at night or very early on a Sunday morning!

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Or call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency

There will be a **Parish Council Surgery** held in the library on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am until 11.30am**. There will be at least two Parish Councillors at this session to speak with face to face, and any issues you raise will be logged and reported to the Council, we will also keep you informed on what we have done about them.

**VILLAGE SIGNS.** You may have noticed that the ornamental village signs in Witham Road, Horncastle Road and Stixwold Road have been taken down. These will be put back up in the Spring, ready for the tourist season. The signs have been taken down over the winter period so they can be cleaned and the paintwork touched up.

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).** Thank you for your support and participation in the pre-submission consultation for the NDP. We had nearly 200 responses from both the online version and from those who handed in a completed consultation form or attended the drop-in sessions. We are analysing the results at the moment and the initial findings seem to be very positive about the contents of the Plan. ELDC have suggested some changes to make the Plan more viable and we have started the process of incorporating these changes. Due to the nature of the changes we believe we should put the revised Plan before you again to ensure you are aware of and approve the changes before we take the Plan forward. We will let you know when and how this next consultation phase will take place. The web site will be kept updated so please use that to pick up on our progress towards our goal of an adopted NPD for the parish which will inform decisions on planning and land use for the next 25 years.

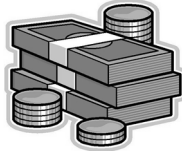
**East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) Maintained Footpath Lights.** As part of its Transformation Programme intended to address shortfalls in government funding ELDC have requested that the Parish Council consider taking on the responsibility for maintenance and operating costs of the 7 footpath lights that are in our parish. These lights are in Kings Walk (2 lights), Sandy Lane (2 lights) and on the service road behind the Broadway shops (3 lights). ELDC advise that the estimated costs for running the 7 lights is £343. Before the Parish Council formally responds to ELDC we need to understand whether or not there is a need for these lights and, if so, should it be the responsibility of the community through the Parish Council to continue to fund their maintenance and running costs. We would welcome your views on the need for these footpath lights – please pass any comments to the Parish Clerk at the address at the end of the newsletter. We should stress that it is only the specified 7 footpath lights which are the responsibility of ELDC that this proposal covers; the vast majority of the street lights are owned and maintained by Lincolnshire County Council.

**Kirkby Lane Cemetery**– On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April members of the Parish Council will be spending the morning at the cemetery to tidy up the first section. We have a plan to remove all the weeds and fill in those grave plots which have borders/edging with gravel. If you've been down to the cemetery recently, the first four grave plots in the first section are those that we have already done and are the model of what are trying to complete for the entire first section. If you are free that morning then please come along for an hour or two and help out in whatever capacity you feel able to. We will be starting at 10am or for more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

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**2016 PRECEPT** In January the Parish Council had to set the precept for the coming year. As always we have tried to keep any rise to a minimum while balancing extra costs that are being passed down from ELDC such as the cost of elections and certain street lighting in the village. The amount of increase for the year 2016/17 will be 2% which equates to an increase of 70p a year for a Band D property to the amount paid from your council tax which goes to the Parish Council. In setting this budget the Parish Council has had to take account of the possibility of other costs being passed down from ELDC over the next few years and has taken the view that it would be better to make a small rise now than one large increase in 2/3 years time.

**MONEY MONEY MONEY.** There will be many organisations out there wondering how they can fund future projects, well the Parish Council might be able to help. Each year the Parish Council allocates some funds within its annual budget to give to local charities/community groups for projects that will benefit our community. If you think that your community group/project would benefit from a grant then please complete a grant application form which is available to download from the Parish Council website or from the Parish Clerk. There is still some of the 2015/16 grant fund remaining and there will be a new fund from 01 April.



**IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR NEWSLETTER.** You may recall from the previous issue that the Parish Council has been investigating ways to improve the appearance of our newsletter and following feedback from residents we have decided to trial for a 6 month period (2 issues) getting the newsletter printed within the pages of the Woodhall Wapentake magazine on a quarterly basis. The next issue will be published within the June issue of the Woodhall Wapentake. The newsletter is also available to download from the Parish Council website, and back issues can also be viewed on there, and of course a hard copy can be collected from the Parish Council office. We would like to thank those people who submitted comments to us regarding the newsletters.

**WOODHALL SPA IN BLOOM** is recruiting for more helpers! Nothing too onerous: growing-on plug plants, planting up the displays in Spring and Autumn and generally helping to keep things looking ship shape. Also, they would be interested to hear from anyone who is a budding expert at topiary and who'd like to be creative with the Box in the planters. Would you like to help? Contact Graham Keegan – 0780 1661580 or [grahamkeegan@btinternet.com](mailto:grahamkeegan@btinternet.com).

**ALLOTMENTS.** Horncastle Town Council has amended its policy and will now take applications for an allotment from people who live outside the town. So if you wish to apply for an allotment at Horncastle because we do not have any at Woodhall Spa, please contact the Town Clerk on 01507 522957 or e-mail [info@horncastletowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@horncastletowncouncil.co.uk).

**Right to Appeal Planning Decisions Petition.** Currently there is no right of appeal against a planning application decision that is granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), in our case that is ELDC. For LPAs without a 5 year land supply (as for ELDC) there is a nationally imposed presumption in favour of any sustainable development. Planning decisions impact communities, landscapes and the environment for generations. Given the amount of discretion that the sustainable criteria confer, these are decisions that should be subject to proper scrutiny. At the moment, third parties have no right of appeal if a planning consent is granted and it seems contrary to the principles of natural justice that there is no mechanism to review the propriety of local authority consents. A general right to appeal might lead to the planning inspectorate being bogged down with frivolous appeals from neighbours and NIMBYs and has previously led to the idea of third party appeals being dismissed out of hand. There is a case, however, for Parish/Town Councils to be given a third party right of appeal. This is being progressed at a national level by the National Association of Local Councils. In the meantime, and to add to the pressure to address the issue, a petition to Parliament has been initiated and we are inviting all our readers regardless of which parish you reside in to sign up in support of this petition; the petition can be found at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489>. If 10,000 people support it the government must publish an official response, while if 100,000 people support it the proposal must be debated in Parliament. The right to appeal, where necessary and appropriate, would significantly add to the influence we would have on the future development of the village.

**A Big Thanks..** Thank you to those people who helped put up and take down the Christmas Trees this years. We hope you will agree that the Christmas Lights once again looked fantastic.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- ◆ On **Monday 14th March** Woodhall Spa will be partaking in 'Fly a Flag for Commonwealth Day' by flying the Commonwealth day flag from the flag pole in Royal Square from 10am that morning. Please come along and show your support.
- ◆ Woodhall Spa Country Show, **Sunday 22nd May** with the theme of 'conservation' and lots for all the family to see and do!
- ◆ The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th May** at 7.30pm in Coronation Hall.
- ◆ Save the Day for a new event in Jubilee Park: a Festival of Food and Fitness is being organised for **Sunday, September 4th** from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. There will be local producers offering healthy food choices as well as lots of information about fun ways of keeping fit. There will be exhibitions of swimming for fitness and belly dancing as well as activities for all ages. To round it all off, there will be a tea dance held in Coronation Hall. We need volunteers to help both on the day and planning and organising: contact 01526 353880 to join in.