

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Heydour Parish Council

Welcome to the latest parish newsletter to update you on what is happening in the parish and to maintain lines of communication within Heydour parish. Your council has been busy over the past months and here is some information on progress of new and existing matters.

Playground

Following the May 2024 public consultation on playground renewal there has been much going on. Thanks to our clerk, grants for the complete renewal have been agreed with National Lottery and SKDC and the money has been received. Both organisations are keen to support projects such as this and the positive response from most questionnaire responders helped to get our application agreed. The layout of the new equipment can be seen on Heydour website. Many thanks to all concerned.

Community Cleaner Grant

SKDC have given a community cleaner grant to Heydour PC to help keep the villages clean. The grant is for £463 and the council have agreed to round this up to £500. This will go to cover volunteers costs at present. Intending 'pickers' should in the first instance, discuss this with Rowena - Heydour.clerk@outlook.com. The parish council ask that when out on a walk you take home your doggy bags and place them in your own black bin to help these volunteers. Thanks go to Martin & Sarah for emptying the reinstated dog bin as this is not a service covered by SKDC.

Lincolnshire Resilience Forum

Contact with the forum and the PC is continuing. An emergency plan for the parish is under consideration. This will give a plan on how to react to various emergencies and specify resources available. Assistance with this is coming from the forum which includes officers of Lincs Fire and Rescue service. Supplies of sand and bags are still in place on Mill Lane opposite the entrance to Foxdale and in the corner of the Parish Hall car park in Aisby.

One of the considerations for a plan of action is to list resources that could be made available from residents as well as local authorities when dealing with the unexpected. Examples of this include use of a tractor to tow a tree from the road or knowing people that can use a chain saw. An officer from the forum attended the council meeting on 12 November. Much useful information was passed on including guidance on how to set up a parish emergency plan. Once adopted if it needs activating then help will come, otherwise we are on our own. Please put your name down to help.

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Meeting Dates

The PC meets every two months and more often where business requires it. Future meeting dates are **Wed 8 Jan 25**, Tues 11 March 25 and Tues 13 May 25. Dates can be confirmed on our website. Please come along when you can, we really do want to see residents involved and knowing what is happening.

Many people have helped the PC over the past few months. Thanks to Rowena who is keeping us on track and to Martin Hill for help with flooding issues and other advice, also to Cllr Sarah Trotter for her continued support and advice.

Website

We have recently employed a website designer to carry out improvements to our website. While of help we are also looking at the possibility of moving to an independent web host and developer. This would allow more freedom to establish closer contact with residents on day to day issues. The PC wishes to keep an easy to use web/email pathway so that it becomes normal to contact the PC in that way rather than relying on other informal avenues. We have been offered hosting and development services from £10 per month. If any resident would like to offer their knowledge and skills to help improve how the PC interacts with residents online, please talk to Rowena.

Reminder! Agendas, minutes and finance information can be found at <https://heydour-aisby-oasby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business>



Mill Lane Traffic

Following representations about vehicles breaking the 30mph speed limit, the PC asked the Road Safety Partnership to carry out a further survey of vehicle density and speeds. They are willing to help with this but wish to give the new speed limit time to settle in. Meanwhile, if you have any remaining 40mph stickers on your bin(s) please contact our clerk Rowena to ask for replacements, Heydour.clerk@outlook.com. The council have joined the Community Speed Watch and street post signs have been purchased. Thanks to Cllr James Smallwood for setting up the new reminder signs. All other highways or street problems can be reported via 'Fix my Street' <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Telephone Boxes

Ideas are being sought for making better use of the two red telephone boxes. In Oasby it has served as a library for some years. Some feedback on how successful this is and whether this should change would be helpful. In Aisby the box is not used as much as when first installed although Dean does decorate it at Christmas. He PC are willing to allocate a modest amount (£100) to making better use of them. Some additional decoration/lighting for Christmas might be useful. Suggestions please.

Protected Trees

The two protected Aisby sycamore trees continue to be monitored. One of them has a fungal infection in the trunk that the PC has measured and analysed every couple of years. Luckily the tree is compensating for the rot by growing new wood. Our tree inspector warns that this is not guaranteed and a serious deterioration could mean it has to be removed at considerable cost, In a normal year analysis costs around £450. If the tree had to go, a much higher sum would be needed and PC earmark a larger sum put aside each year in case of bad news.