

# FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH NEWS

December 2021



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### Greetings for Christmas

The Parish Council send  
best wishes to all readers  
for the festive season,  
and hope that the year  
2022 brings happiness  
and good fortune to  
everyone

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### LOOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Flintham parish council have been asked --as all others UK wide have --to look for younger people to become members in an attempt to create more lasting interest in its work.

Nationally it has been suggested using social media should be considered and could should set up a Facebook group to help a council engage with young people.

The National Association of Local Councils have launched the its Young Councillors Network, aimed at connecting young councillors from across the country. Anyone interested can register their feelings at [policycomms@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:policycomms@nalc.gov.uk)

### MEMORIAL CASH FOR CHARITIES

Sue Clayton would like to thank everyone who donated to the chosen charities in memory of her father, Jim Hayden. Over £350 was raised and split between Blind Veterans UK and Guide Dogs.

## VILLAGE 'YES' VOTE ON LAND PURCHASE

Sixty nine per cent of Flintham residents who registered their opinion on whether or not the parish council should seek a £125,000 loan to attempt to buy Highways Agency owned land adjacent to Coney Grey Spinney voted Yes.

The survey carried out gave every household in the village the opportunity to register their view and 98 of them supported the council in seeking cash from the Public Works Loan Board — with a resultant council tax precept rise for the next 25 years – while 43 did not give their support.

The land in question was put on the market by Highways at a figure of £250,000. At a cost of £500 the parish council took professional advice on the value of the site – involving a wooded area and open grass land – and was advised that in the valuers opinion it was worth a figure of £125,000, exactly half the asking price, due to restrictions already obtained.

The parish council decided to make a bid for the site at the lower figure, saying that was the only bid they would make and would not increase the offer.

Currently the Highways Agency have not made a decision and therefore the parish council are not in a position to proceed any further on the matter. If the offer is accepted, the council will then have to make a decision on whether or not to go forward with their bid, or to withdraw it.

The availability of the land brought about the formation of the Friends of the Spinney group and their involvement resulted in Tree Preservation Orders being placed on the wooded area, thus restricting any action that may have been considered to fell any of the trees.

Coun. David Cartledge, chairman of the parish council, says any action from the council now has to wait for a decision by the site owners. "We are in regular contact with the agents for the Highways Agency but until their decision is known there is nothing further for the council to do."

Any decision -- to proceed or withdraw--would be made at a meeting of the council. If it voted in favour of going ahead with purchase of the site it would then have to seek a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. Parish Clerk Mike Elliott says he understands a decision from them would be unlikely to be made for approx three months and any such delay in having funds available would have to be acceptable or otherwise to Highways.

**Helping Afghanistan citizens:** Any resident willing to offer help to Afghanistan citizens currently being housed in the Nottingham area in the way of finance donations or goods including clothing and toys can do so via Host Nottingham at [hostnottingham.org.uk](http://hostnottingham.org.uk) or by ringing 07735 551362 or 07986 012013 or the parish clerk Mike Elliott on 0115 937 6506.

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*Thoughts from the Vicarage for December 2021*  
Just a heads up for plans for Christmas and the special services planned.

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# LOOKING FOR QUEEN'S CELEBRATION IDEAS

A request is being made to residents in Flintham to come forward with ideas for the parish council to consider ways to provide the village with activities to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's platinum anniversary in June when she will be the oldest and longest service monarch in the World.

The parish council have looked at falling in line with many parts of the country and having a beacon to light. They have also looked at a question of an overnight camping event for youngsters in the village.

Clerk chairman David Cartledge can be contacted on 01636 525381 or the clerk Mike Elliott on 0115 937 6506.

# GRANTS BRINGING LIFE BACK TO FLINTHAM

Early in 2020 the Parish Council applied to Rushcliffe Borough Council for a grant to organise sessions to get residents together to either share their interests or to learn new skills. Within days of the grant being awarded the first lockdown was announced so nothing happened. However, two groups are now up and running and meeting at the Boot & Shoe.

Jeannette Everington is showing 14 women how to crochet and Paul Quant is leading a poetry group of 11. The grant covered the costs of materials for the crochet group and will cover photocopying costs for the poetry group. There have been several requests for sign language lessons but a teacher would have to be bought in so it will depend on the costs as to whether the sessions are free or only available if people are prepared to pay towards the tuition.

## CALLING LIBRARY USERS

Dates have been confirmed for the mobile library visits to Flintham on Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, April 13. Times Boot & Shoe 12.10 -12.40, ConeyGrey Spinney 13.55 -14.10.

## SPEEDING TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Concerns were expressed at the parish council on a need for speed checks to be resumed in the village and Coun. Sue Clayton says there is a resident who had expressed support for a return of the speed watch group. A question of provision of CCTV to combat crime was also raised.