Chairman’s Report

A warm welcome to residents who have moved into Roxby, Risby or Dragonby over the last year, I hope you have settled in well.

Well, what a year! Firstly, I wish to thank the previous Chairman and Vice-Chair, Terry Jackson and Carol Hodge for their many years of hard work in the Parish Council. They are now busy with the purchase of the Methodist Chapel.

I took the Chair in May 2019 and being reduced to four Councillors, this left us in an awkward and vulnerable position. However, Phil Dodds from Dragonby joined us in July, which was great news as it has been some fourteen years or so since we last had a Councillor from Dragonby. Through informal chats with Cllr Charlie Webster, we gained two more Councillors in September with Michael Earp and Mike Verran. I am sure these Councillors will be valuable additions to the Parish Council. This coincided with more good news as Councillors Charlie Webster and Pam Farmery agreed to become joint Vice-Chair, both long serving and hardworking Councillors bringing us nicely back to full strength.

As always, we have had excellent support from our Ward Councillors Holly Mumby-Croft MP and Ivan Glover and it is with much sadness to report Ivan passed away on 19th January 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Councillor Julie Reed from Axholme North Ward has kindly covered for Holly while she is busy in Westminster and Julie has brought a wealth of knowledge with her. Ward Officer Mark Thornborough has given us much of his time sorting various jobs in the village with others in progress. A big thank you goes to our Clerk, Jo Curtis, who keeps this show on the road!

The Remembrance Service in November 2019 at St Mary’s Church was again well attended and I’m sure this will remain an annual event.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 7:15 PM.

Stefan Smaza  Chairman

Annual Parish Meeting – All welcome

This year’s Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 11 March at 7.15pm in the Methodist Schoolroom, South Street, Roxby. We would love to see you there as this is your opportunity as parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Roxby, Risby and Dragonby to raise any matters of concern to you that relate to your local community. Please email your request to Jo Curtis at clerk@roxby-cum-risbyparishcouncil.org.uk by the Wednesday 4 March. Notices of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting will be posted on noticeboards outside St Mary’s Church, North Street, the Methodist Church on South Street and the noticeboard in Dragonby. Also on the Parish Council’s website www.roxby-cum-risbyparishcouncil.org.uk at least one week before the meeting.

Village Image

Winter in Bloom

On Friday 26th July 2019 at Normanby Hall, Councillors Pam Farmery and Charlie Webster, representing Roxby Parish Council, were presented with a certificate for participating in the North Lincolnshire Council’s Winter in Bloom initiative.

We had successfully applied for a community grant to purchase plants and planters, which can be seen outside the Methodist Chapel on South Street, Roxby.
What’s on in Roxby

'Want to be a Roxby Womble?'

Little pickers wanted. Come and join us on Sunday, 29 March at 10.30am. We will meet outside the Methodist Chapel on South Street, Roxby.

High viz jackets and litter picking equipment will be provided.

Refreshments will be served in the Chapel hall after the pick.

For further details email Stefan Smaza at stefansmaza8@gmail.com

Roxby WI are a friendly group of ladies who meet at 7.15 pm on the second Monday of each month in the Methodist Schoolroom in the village. They have speakers on various topics and arrange outings etc. They are always delighted to welcome new members and you can go as a visitor for 3 meetings to see if you would like to join them.

For more details contact Linda Webster on 01724 733379 or just go along on the night.

The Mobile Library calls every three weeks on Wednesday morning at the following stops:

- Risby Post Box 09.15 – 09.30
- North Street, Roxby Near Old Barn Lane 10.25 – 10.45
- South Street, Roxby Outside No 42 10.50 – 11.15
- South Street, Roxby Opposite Anvil Walk 11.20 – 11.45
- Dragonby Main Street 16.05 – 16.35

2020 Dates: 15/1, 5/2, 26/2, 18/3, 8/4, 29/4, 20/5, 10/6, 1/7, 22/7 12/8, 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12

Dog fouling – an ongoing problem

The majority of dog owners in Roxby behave responsibly and clean up after their dogs. However, a small minority fail to clean up. This is an offence and North Lincolnshire Council can issue an £80 fixed penalty notice to a dog walker or owner who fails to pick up after their dog has fouled. This can increase to a maximum fine of £1,000 for those who persistently fail to clean up.

Bag it up: Always carry the means to clean up after your dog immediately, and dispose of it in a dog waste bin or a rubbish bin if a dog waste bin is not available. If there isn’t a litter bin, take it home and dispose of it there.

Report dog fouling: We rely on information supplied by the local community to help us to tackle irresponsible dog owners. For more information visit the North Lincolnshire Council website at:


Parking in the village

The Parish Council kindly requests residents to be mindful of where they park their cars on the carriageway, especially on North Street. If vehicles are parked on both sides it makes it extremely difficult for large farm vehicles, such as tractors to get through and also, emergency vehicles. Thank you.

And last but not least – on a lighter note

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to four Roxby residents for their help and support in the local community: Mrs K Barley for supervising Roxby play area; Mrs L Webster for cleaning the bus shelter on the A1077; Mr S Hind for winding up the War Memorial clock on St Mary’s Church and Mr D Farmery for his help with general maintenance issues.

The Parish Newsletter is produced annually and is delivered to all households in the Parish. Its role is to promote the workings of the Parish Council and to help local groups by promoting them, wherever possible. If you have any ideas for inclusion in the Newsletter please contact Jo Curtis by email at: clerk@roxby-cum-risbyparishcouncil.org.uk