

Roxby-cum-Risby Parish Council Chairman's Report 2022

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

We have pretty much returned to normal with our meetings over the last year, and I am delighted to welcome our Ward Councillors, Carol Ross and Janet Lee who were elected last year. Both are proving to be very helpful with council related matters.

The modelling survey regarding the flooding issue at the Water Meadow and Old Barn Lane has been completed. With the works carried out on Brackenholmes Lane at the Duck Pond, a significant weather event is awaited to prove the flow and evaluate the problem areas.

Sadly, littering, fly tipping and dog fouling continues to be an issue. Littering and fly tipping is dealt with as swiftly as possible. Dog fouling seems to be on the rise somewhat and again I urge dog owners to pick up their dog waste and use the dog waste bins, not the normal litter bins. I reported last year of a strange activity where mass drops of dog waste (in carrier bags) being put into the bins so they are overflowing and of annoyance to regular dog walkers. The problem went away for a while but seems to have returned. May I once again suggest dealing with domestic dog waste in an environmentally friendly, bio-degradable composter buried in the garden. I have one and can confidently say it works rather well.

The bench at Dragonby will return to its original location once a suitable base has been laid by North Lincolnshire Council.

The remembrance service in November at St Mary's Church was very well attended to remember those that gave their lives to secure our freedom. The splendid poppy display being kindly provided by Roxby WI.

Our Councillors have given their spare time and carried out quite a few jobs. The planters at the village entries are being nicely maintained and the West Street/A1077 corner is looking much better now, a big thank you to all involved for improving the village image.

The playground is under review and we hope to obtain some new equipment with a view to appeal to everyone.

Two of our Councillors attend regular meetings with Biffa.

Purchase of the Methodist Chapel is nearing completion, this has been a long haul but it is almost there.

The Parish Council website has been greatly improved and I hope you find it easier to navigate around. Also a Parish Council Facebook group has just recently been created and we will be posting on there soon. The current Roxby Village Facebook group has proved very useful and I urge more residents to join.

In the absence of the Parish Council Newsletter this year, as there are no updates during this period, please inform us of anything you wish to have included from your groups or activities.

Covid 19 continues to disrupt our lives and in recent months it has again been very rife in this area as we are now in the 'having to live with it' phase. Please take care and stay safe.

Thank you to Dave Farmery who carries out odd jobs we cannot deal with in-house and for the soldier figures for the remembrance service, also Simon Hind for upkeep of the church clock and our clerk, Jo Curtis who keeps this show on the road.

The annual Parish Council meeting is 11th May at 6.45 pm and I look forward to seeing you there for an open discussion. Please check the website and noticeboards in case of any changes.

Stefan Smaza
Chairman