

Roxby-cum-Risby Parish Council Chairman's Report 2023

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

Sadly, Peter Abbey passed away on 26th December. Peter was a much loved gentleman often seen walking around Roxby. A respected JP, a hard working church warden and parish councillor. Peter served on the parish council for many years as councillor, vice chairman and chairman, He loved Roxby and we shall miss him dearly.

We have had a busy year dealing with several issues. The planters at the village entry points were stolen and after some consideration to avoid a repeat of this, the tractor tyres were used instead and in the most, well received in comments from village folk. Thank you to all who contributed and helped improve the village image.

The works for flooding issue at the Water Meadow and Old Barn Lane have yet to be proved as we have not had a severe weather event yet.

Sadly, littering and fly tipping continue to be an issue. Littering and fly tipping is dealt with as swiftly as possible and I thank those who clear any littering and/or report fly tipping to North Lincolnshire Council as soon as they see it. Dog fouling appears to be somewhat less than the previous year and hope this improvement continues.

The bench at Dragonby has been returned to its original location, thank you to those involved with installing it.

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. An excellent service was provided by The British Legion and Mrs Elaine Southern. The splendid poppy display being kindly provided by Roxby WI.

The playground improvement proposals are nearing completion and we hope to obtain some new equipment with a view to appeal to everyone.

The church clock will be having the weight ropes renewed in the near future.

Two of our Councillors attend regular meetings with Biffa and we are delighted to report the time extension to the use of the rail sidings was granted. This is in order to bring in final capping and landscaping materials. Without this, the materials would have been brought in by road and greatly extended the time factor to complete the process, plus the traffic disruption on the A1077.

I was hoping the purchase of the Methodist Chapel would have been completed by now, but further delays have been encountered, I am sorry to report.

The Parish Council website and Facebook site contain much information and I hope you find them useful. 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.

Thank you to Dave Farmery who carries out odd jobs we cannot deal with in-house and for the soldier figures and aircraft for the remembrance service, also Simon Hind for upkeep of the church clock, our ward councillors, Janet Lee and Carol Ross, who have been great help, and our clerk, Jo Curtis who keeps this show on the road.

The annual parish council meeting is Wednesday 24th 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. This will be my final meeting as I give up the chair and will be leaving the parish council. I have enjoyed my nineteen years on the parish council, four as chairman and wish the incoming chairman all the best. There are vacancies on the parish council and if you wish to join, please contact North Lincolnshire Council for election forms as the elections are due in early May.

Stefan Smaza
Chairman