

Lincolnshire County Council LCC  
North Kesteven District Council NKDC

News from your local, Independent Councillor,  
**MARIANNE OVERTON MBE**

### ***No thanks to a new layer of government***

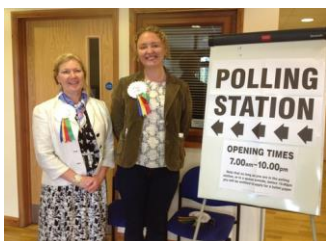
The people of Lincolnshire voted against having a new layer of government covering ten council areas, called a mayoral authority. For once, the County Council and South Kesteven conservative party members had no party whip applied, leaving members to listen and genuinely make up their own mind. What a refreshing debate we had!

I and all but one of my Lincolnshire Independent colleagues voted “no”. Both Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven agreed and voted “no”. The leader at LCC now makes the decision alone by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

The other councils voted for a mayor, with heavy party political pressure applied in the parties. At a time when we are seriously short of funds, the new costs are estimated at £52.2m, in the first year including part of the election costs. The benefits are uncertain and the rules subject to change. The annual payment is less than we currently receive for new roads. It could not be used to support our struggling services, only for new projects, including 100,000 new dwellings. Better our councils work together and concentrate on getting the best funding for Lincolnshire.

### ***Catherine Mills elected to NKDC***

A huge thank you to all for your *overwhelming* support for Lincolnshire Independent, Catherine Mills. Catherine is part of our two-person team, working with me to represent the Cliff Villages on our District Council. Catherine lives and works in the ward, is Independent and already committed to working for our communities. Catherine has spoken in her first planning meeting and is clearly a thoughtful and feisty support to our villages.



### ***Potterhanworth Pre-School***

Potterhanworth Preschool were delighted with their new school classroom when it formally opened last week. The Christchurch Hospital Fund has a committee who manage the Memorial Hall. We used funds raised to build a whole classroom attached to the hall and adjacent to the primary School. Chairman Gordon Lindsay thanked everyone and cut the ribbon to much applause.



### ***Top Farm, Navenby***

After more than two years, a public inquiry and many amendments, permission was granted for 127 houses by the NKDC planning committee 10 for, 7 against and 5 abstentions. Thank you for taking the trouble to write 226 formal letters of objection and being at the planning meeting. Thanks to Ken Gunning, Chairman of the Parish Council, Kay Parker and Cllr Catherine Mills who spoke extremely clearly against the proposal, giving sound planning reasons. As a member of the committee, I spoke and voted against the proposal, supported by comments from a good number of councillors. Residents are challenging the way the decision meeting was managed and staged their first protest this week.



### **Top Farm, Navenby continued.**

Together we have done our utmost for Navenby, concerned about the density and design of this development outside the village curtilage, without matching improvements in school places, parking and congestion. The number has reduced from 160 to 127 dwellings, the design improved, an improved sewerage system, a geophysical survey done for archaeology, some better-quality materials and more of the roads built to an adoptable standard. The issue of who will manage those and the open spaces remains for the developer to resolve.

This has been a remarkable journey against some big guns. Most people did not want the site built on at all. The national and local Conservative Party push for big developments made that a tough call. Thanks to all who have helped defend the character of Navenby Village to the very limit of what is possible.

### **Dovecote Lane, Coleby**

Coleby residents are working hard to get their neighbourhood plan in place. That sets where development is going to take place with a current expected maximum of 10% increase between 2012 and 2036. (That figure is to be discussed at the Inquiry starting on Tuesday.) However, the developers are jumping in before the plan is in place. Thank you to Coleby residents for the 18 formal letters of objection and taking the trouble to appear in person at the planning meeting. The Parish Council and residents spoke well against the outline application outside the curtilage of Dovecote Lane. As a committee member, I spoke and voted against the application on your behalf. Against the heavy conservative push setting the rules in favour of development, and without our neighbourhood plan in place yet, the application was passed. However, information we produced did mean that an archaeological watching brief was added.

A further application has been submitted for another four houses jutting into the field on Rectory Lane. I have asked for it to come to committee as it could adversely affect the rural character of the approach to the village. Add your comment on <http://planningonline.n-kesteven.gov.uk/online-applications>

### **Voting for Dunston Neighbourhood Plan**

Support from Dunston residents is greatly appreciated at the village hall all day on **Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### **Local Plan - The Big One!**

From November 1<sup>st</sup> Inspectors will be dissecting the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. That is the set of rules against which all planning applications have to be compared to decide if they get passed or not. The Inspectors listen to the evidence and make their decisions. Public can attend, starting 10am on Tuesday at Double Tree Hilton, Brayford Pool, Lincoln.

I have a seat at the table, so I shall be speaking up for our villages and our District. My submission is available on the web [www.lincolnshireindependents.org](http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org) The schedule of the inspection is on <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/central-lincolnshire/local-plan-examination/>

### **Grantham Accident and Emergency**

Four thousand people marched through Grantham on Saturday in support of Grantham A and E. A forest of hands went up when my organiser fellow councillor, Charmaine Morgan asked how many people had cause to use the service. It now closes early evening. Other services depend on the A and E being available, so losing this could seriously undermine the viability of Grantham Hospital. Lincoln is already struggling and unlikely to cope with the added pressure. I was on the Primary Care Trust previously and jointly made the decision to keep Grantham Hospital open.

It is people power that made it possible last time and that is needed again now. Please sign the petition, it is on our Lincolnshire Independent website. There is increased pressure from government as ULHT is instructed to make significant savings in their new secret plan, the "STP" out for consultation, probably in December.





## **Campaign: Rural Arts and Heritage**

The Rural Touring Programme provides high quality events in our villages, subsidised nationally with a little help from the County Council, less than £20,000. It is very cost-effective. LCC proposes to cut that funding. Ceasing this programme would be seriously short-sighted, reducing our quality of life, health and the local economy supported by our village halls. The County Council itself has a petition, so please sign it. <http://www.liveandlocal.org.uk/>

## **Nocton Village Hall: Vote for Cash!**

Please give a vote to Nocton Village Hall. The application for funding from the Aviva Community Fund Support, has been approved. Now it is up to us. The more votes, the more likely we are to be successful. Please vote all 10 votes for Nocton at <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-1479> and Please forward to all your friends and family, Facebook, Twitter - anyone can vote!

## **Broadband**

After a determined effort, the missing Nocton cabinet serving half the village is now in place. A huge thank you to Geoff Hall and our LCC staff Stephen Brookes for their work and support. I have had another meeting on it this week, so here is an update;

According to BT, 87% of premises now have access to superfast broadband (<26Mb/s). That's less than the £40m contract target, which was to achieve 90% by the end of last March. The Council's contract is only to cover half the 350,000 Lincolnshire premises not already served by other means.

LCC has £12m left to spend and has asked BT how they want to use it to achieve our target. BT would like to upgrade places that already have good service to compete with Virgin or other providers, but LCC is rightly insisting it goes to those who need it.

BT have also signed a Universal offer to provide a minimum of 10Mb/s to all premises by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. However, they need more fibre in place for this.

If you are currently on less than 2Mb/s, you can access a grant of up to £400 to get a dish installed, which does help. There is a link from the site below under "subsidy-scheme".

You can test your line using [www.onlincolnshire.org](http://www.onlincolnshire.org) Under "my area", "speed test".

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## **A Warm Welcome**

St Peter's, Navenby was buzzing with excitement as the new Rector, Michelle Godbold was properly installed in an excellent service last week. Michelle spoke nice and clearly and was well supported by her husband, Kevin and her family. We all wish her well and every success in the years ahead, as she "leads by display", "orchestrates" and "enables" our communities to thrive.

## **Information**

### **Welbourn Gardeners Club**

Members from the closed Coleby Gardeners' Club are invited to join Welbourn Gardening Club. Next is a talk on Pests and Diseases, 10<sup>th</sup> Nov in the Village Hall at 7pm.



Impressive Spindle Fruits glowing in our garden this year.

### **Street Lights**

The lights have individual sensors that monitor the number of daylight hours, which is how they set their internal clock. During the autumn, they may start to turn off slightly earlier than normal. Further details on the plan for street lights are at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/streetlighting](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/streetlighting)

### **Access to Wellbeing Services and care**

The Carers service is accessible through 01522 782224 [carers\\_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:carers_team@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Support for Adult care is available 01522 782155

**Roadworks** [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/overnight-roadworks)  
[roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

To receive info' on twitter #lincsccl\_roads

### **Help save lives and keep countryside clean**

Report Potholes 01522 782070

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/potholes>

Or use "Fix my street" on line – works well.

<http://www.FixMyStreet.com>

Report Litter 01529 414155

[customer\\_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

Report illegal parking 01522 511142 or

[ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:ParkingServices@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## **Information** continued

Adult Concern 01522 782151

The Wellbeing service will help set up and people in a vulnerable position with more or less anything, from finance, transport, support groups etc. 01522 782140

Lincs 2 Advice are on 0300 303 8789

Non urgent Health 111, Police 101

Grants community\_lincs@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Internet fraud 0300 123 2040

## **Transport and Travel**

Call Connect 8.30am - 7pm Weekdays and to 5pm

Saturdays 0345 234 33 44 or 01522 553143

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/callconnect/35955.article)

Dial a ride 01522 544983 Disabled door to door

Car-sharing [www.lincshare.co.uk](http://www.lincshare.co.uk)

Trains [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

Local Plan [www.central-lincs.org.uk](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk) 01529 308084

## **Village websites**

<https://nocton-church.blogspot.co.uk>

<https://nocton.blogspot.co.uk>

[www.facebook.com/Nocton-Social-Club](http://www.facebook.com/Nocton-Social-Club)

[www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WhatOnInNocton)

<https://dunstondossier.org.uk>

Branston [www.tucann.co.uk/assets/sheepwash-august-full.pdf](http://www.tucann.co.uk/assets/sheepwash-august-full.pdf)

[www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Potterhanworth/index.asp](http://www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Potterhanworth/index.asp)

[www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/455116074527966/)

Navenby and Wellingore business

[www.Navenby.net](http://www.Navenby.net), [www.harmston.info](http://www.harmston.info)

Welbourn, Leadenham and Coleby have sites on LCC.

## **November Events**

5<sup>th</sup> The Big Regional U3A celebration, The Venue, Navenby 10.30-3.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> Fireworks, fun and food, Navenby Methodist church 5.45pm

7<sup>th</sup> St Andrews Potter Coffee with cake & stalls, 10am  
Bluebells Coffee Shop Wed & Thursdays 9am-5pm

8<sup>th</sup> Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies 'Snowed in'  
Harmston Memorial Hall Tickets £9 and £6.50. Box Office. 01522 722462/722919 Bar opens 7.00pm  
Music 7.45 pm

9<sup>th</sup> Wellingore U3A at the Memorial Hall Judy Jones speaking on Katherine Swynford 10am

9<sup>th</sup> Coleby coffee morning and library 10.30am

10<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Gardeners' Club Village Hall 7.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> "Think of England by Anonymous is a Woman" in Ashby de la Launde Village Hall 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 in advance or £12.50 on the door, to include refreshments. Tickets from 01526 322571/01526 323353. 40's dress optional.

12<sup>th</sup> St Peter's Coffee Morning at 16B Ermine Drive, Navenby 10.30am

12<sup>th</sup> Harmston WI Christmas Arts and Craft Fair at the Memorial Hall 2-4.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> First Wellingore Scouts Quiz Night, The Venue 7pm

15<sup>th</sup> Navenby Archaeology Group AGM and talk by Ian George on "The work of Historic England" Navenby Methodist Church 7.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Christmas Coffee Morning, £4 incl. refreshments, Dunston House, Front Street, Dunston

18<sup>th</sup> Navenby Social Strollers Navenby Surgery 10am

18<sup>th</sup> 54 North in Concert, All Saints Coleby Returning following last year's success, they bring traditional folk tunes interspersed with some cool blues £10 from Beth 01522 810030 [devonald@btinternet.com](mailto:devonald@btinternet.com) 7.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning All Saints Wellingore 10-12.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> Craft Fayre Wellingore Memorial Hall 10-3.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> Bushcraft, Hilltop Farm, Welbourn Wildlife Watch 10am

26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar Navenby Methodist Church 2-4pm

26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Coffee Morning Leadenham Vill Ha 10-noon

26<sup>th</sup> Welbourn Book Sale, Village Hall 2-4pm

26<sup>th</sup> Hungate Singers at All Saints, Harmston Tickets £7 incl. light refreshments. Ring Carol 01522 722588 7.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> Hand Crafted Fayre, Harmston Village Hall 11-3pm

## **And from me...**

Thank you all for so much support at the recent by-election and for all you do for our village communities. Let me know if I can help further.

**Kind Regards,**

**Marianne Overton MBE**

