

# UTTERBY *Voice*

## *Your Community Magazine*



**JULY 2024**

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# Welcome

Welcome to the July 2024 edition of the Utterby Voice.

We were sad that two very dedicated councillors, Alan and Jackie Woodward, left the parish council in March this year, having recently moved out of the village. Both Alan, who had been the Chairman for 5 years, and Jackie had worked tirelessly for the village and parish council and they will be a great loss. Sadly in May, John and Nicola Makin also left the parish council having made a vital contribution over the last 5 years to our parish council. I would like to thank Alan, Jackie, John and Nicola for everything they have given in service to the village.

In March, I was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. In April we were very pleased to co-opt two new Councillors, Marc Traves and Robert Newton, and I am sure that if you don't already know them, you will get to know them in the coming year.

We currently have two vacancies for Councillors, which I hope will be filled by co-option at the July meeting.

In May we held our Annual Village Meeting and in May our Annual Parish Council Meeting. All the reports from all of the village organisations are included in this edition of the Utterby Voice.

The Parish Council continues to meet monthly and you are invited to attend and contribute during the Public Forum section of our meetings. Any comments,

observations or even complaints made by the public are extremely useful to hear and hopefully we are able to act promptly in response.

The new speed limit through the main part of the village (40mph down to 30mph) was due to be implemented at the time of going to press, and so we hope this will make the main road a little safer for both residents and those travelling through.

We have new grass cutting contractors this year, the service we received last year was poor. Hopefully this year the grass will be cut far more regularly.

The Council will continue to always act in the best interests of Utterby, both by maintaining its upkeep and hopefully improving and enhancing all areas wherever possible.

**Matthew Wright**  
**Chair**  
**Utterby Parish Council**



## Businesses In the Village

Please support our village businesses. If there are any local residents who would like us to include their local business in future publications please contact the Parish Clerk [clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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# Utterby Primary Academy *Annual Report*

Utterby Primary Academy is federated with North Thoresby Primary Academy, with whom we share a number of resources and staff. We are part of Academies Enterprise Trust (AET) one of the largest multi-academy trusts in England.

At Utterby we operate 3 classrooms and the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) remains at 10 children per year, a total of 70 pupils overall. We currently have 71 pupils on roll and are full in most year groups. To manage the capacity we currently have 3 full time teachers, supported part time by a number of teaching assistants. We will again take in a full cohort of 10 children in September to keep us full.

As in recent previous years, the catchment area for pupils remains remarkably wide and for about 60% of our pupils Utterby is not their nearest school. We continue to have a strong uptake of pupils attending from Louth and other surrounding villages, which is essential for the long term success of the school

It is wonderful to be part of a forward thinking and supportive trust such as Academies Enterprise Trust. Whilst we are geographically remote from our fellow trust school (as are other schools in general given our slightly unique location), we still feel very much part of the academy trust family, and this is none more so reflected in the support we receive from our colleagues up and down the country on a day to day basis.

Coming up over the summer term all the classes are going on at least one other school trip. Already our youngest children in Donaldson Class enjoyed a visit to Woodside Wildlife Centre to learn about animals from various continents. The children were well-behaved and had a fantastic day. Children in Year 5 and 6 will have the incredible opportunity for a 2 night residential in July and a one night experience is planned for children in Year 3 and 4.



In school we have been inviting our families to join our pupils in their “learning share” assemblies. In March, we held a successful Learning Share open morning featuring presentations from the Donaldsons Class on animals from different continents, Kiplings Class on the Romans and their invasion of Britain, and Morpurgos Class held an art workshop. Thank you to everyone who attended. Not only is this a fantastic opportunity for pupils to recall their recent learning (and help commit it to their long term memory), but also is a fantastic oracy opportunity to speak in front of a crowd of people.

The school continues to offer a range of before and after school provision for children. We have a daily breakfast club on site and this term children have a choice of 7 after school clubs run on Mondays to Thursdays, spread across both North Thoresby and Utterby school sites. By sharing clubs across both sites we are able to offer a wider range of clubs and continue the link for pupils to collaborate over both school sites.

Our fabulously supportive Friends of Utterby Primary Academy continue to run a number of fundraising events including a recent Easter Bingo event which raised over £500, which will go towards supporting a range of school activities over the coming year and beyond.

Our Academy Council continues to thrive. The academy council as part of our governance structure which is designed to celebrate success and explore new opportunities for the school within the local area. The council is a mix of parents, staff and local community members. We recently welcomed retired local Headteacher Paul Fox and Utterby community member and Early Years expert Simon Lashbrooke-Small into the council. Simon has already organised a music experience for older pupils at the village hall and Paul's experience will be invaluable in further school improvements. One area we are looking in with the Academy Council is developing a Careers Programme for the pupils. We are



committed to exposing our children to diverse careers and opportunities they may not be aware of or have a chance to interact with directly. We recently surveyed parents and are planning to create opportunities for pupils to interact with professionals from various local careers. We welcome anyone willing to share their career experiences with the children, whether this is a current role or previous one.

The pupil-led school council of pupils also continues to help bring improvements to the school through child generated ideas. The School Council prioritises fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership among students to bring positive changes within the school.

Currently with the school council we are focusing on several "easy-win" projects including -

- **Outdoor Reading Area:** The pupils of the Kipling class have expressed a desire for an outdoor reading area. Once the weather permits, we plan to implement this by creating a mobile reading box that can be taken outside to the field. To enhance this experience, we will be asking parents to donate used picnic rugs for student seating. This project fosters a love of reading and encourages pupils to take ownership of creating a comfortable reading space.

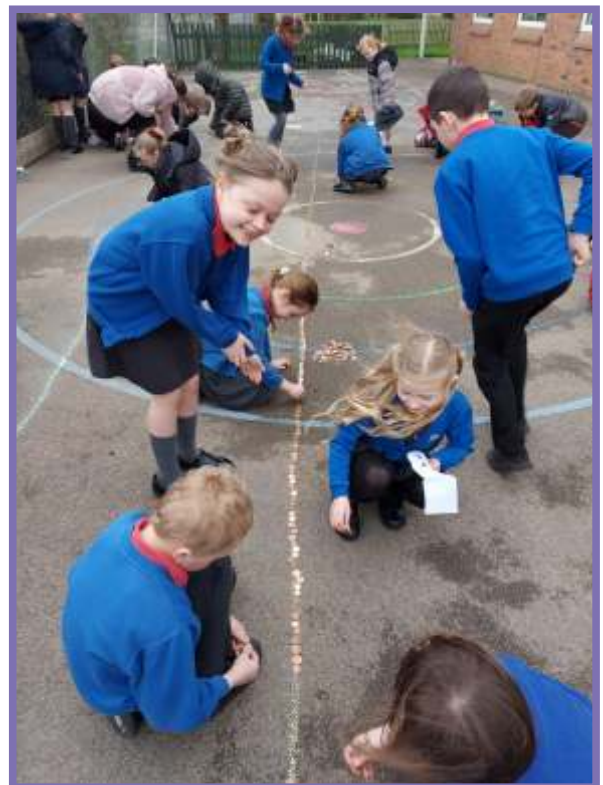
- **Organised Bookshelves:** Students have identified the need for tidier bookshelves in the hallways and entrance. We will establish a system with pupil monitors who will check the shelves regularly. However, the emphasis is not solely on the monitors to tidy. We aim to instil a sense of shared responsibility by encouraging all pupils to return books neatly after use. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of community and respect for shared resources.

- **Tidy Cloakrooms:** Similar to the bookshelf initiative, we will be addressing untidy cloakrooms. Pupil monitors will be assigned to check cloakroom organisation; however, the overall goal is to encourage all pupils to hang their belongings properly upon arrival and departure. We may also conduct a "lost and found" clean-

out to remove unclaimed items, further improving cloakroom organisation. This project teaches responsibility for personal belongings and respect for shared space.

These pupil-led initiatives aim to create a more organised and enjoyable school environment. By fostering responsibility and ownership among pupils we believe these changes will be long-lasting and have a positive impact on the overall school experience. We appreciate your support in encouraging a sense of ownership and community within our school.

For Comic Relief we held a "Coins for Change" activity in school, where spare coins were brought in and we created a long line around the playground. The children enjoyed measuring the distance and the total amount collected by the classes reached an impressive £560, rising to an incredible £700 with Gift Aid.



**British Science Week:** During British Science Week, the school focused on the theme of time and British scientist Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Each class researched the changes over time in a specific animal, tracing the adaptations that led to its current form. Donaldson class actively participated in science week activities, including exploring the life cycle of a frog through a class enactment and the pupils in foundation stage learned about plants and the spring season through a visit to a local garden centre.

All pupils recently enjoyed celebrating the important local industry of farming. Pupils enjoyed a visit from local farmers as part of the Tractors to Schools Project, learning about locally grown crops and the products they are used in.



## Community Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings continue to be well received. We usually get around 30-40 people attending. We are pleased to welcome Utterby locals and friends from further afield.

People enjoy the opportunity to meet and catch up over tea/coffee and cake.

In February we donated profits of £250 to Louth & District Parkinson's UK.

Their ukulele band, The Upbeats, performed for us and The Mayor of Louth, Councillor Julia Simmons came along to offer her support. It was an enjoyable morning of music, with a great community atmosphere.

From the profits of our April coffee morning, we were able to donate £60 to the Hall and also purchase a 10 litre hot water urn for the kitchen.

Unfortunately our Spring quiz, planned for 25 May, had to be cancelled, due to lack of uptake.

### LOOKING AHEAD

On **12 July** we will be hosting "BE INSPIRED!" an art exhibition by local artist Lynn Norris and some of her students. This will run alongside our usual coffee morning. We will be open from 10am – 1pm. Lynn will also be running the exhibition on Saturday 13 July 10am - 4pm. There will be original art, prints and cards for sale at both events. We are proud to support this local artist who regularly uses the Hall for art workshops. For more details about her work go to [www.lynnnorris.co.uk](http://www.lynnnorris.co.uk)

**September 27** will see our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Coffee/tea and cakes will be provided for a donation of your choice, with all profits going to this national cancer charity.

**December 6**, 10am-1pm, is booked for our Christmas coffee morning with houseplants, crafts, cards and art gifts available for purchase, as we had last year...and a raffle!

Our Christmas quiz, scheduled for **14 December**, will be advertised from November and will go ahead if we get enough interest.

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and hope to see you soon.

We will send reminders but...save the dates! Everyone is welcome!

Val, Andy & Simon...with support from bakers, leaflet deliverers and kitchen helpers Ann, Tina, Clare, Mel, Ray & Janet.

Finally attendance - Maintaining high attendance remains a top priority for all schools as every moment really does count. We were pleased to be recognised earlier this year for our attendance levels which were in the top 10% of schools nationally during the Autumn term. A fantastic achievement.

Tom Hawkins  
Executive Headteacher



## Please be considerate when lighting a fire

Whether you are lighting a bonfire, open fire or multi-burner stove, please consider the smoke pollution that this may cause.

People with health conditions in the village such as asthma and related breathing issues are often unable to open their windows at home due to the build up of smoke.

Please consider taking your waste to the Louth recycling centre, or composting suitable items instead.

*Thank you*

# St Andrew's Church *Annual Report & News*

Regular monthly services have been held throughout the year at St Andrew's church with an average attendance of 14. Occasionally we have visitors from other Parishes but on the whole those who attend Utterby church are people from the village.

The church is always open and provides a place for those looking for somewhere to experience a moment of quiet reflection as well as for visitors either tracing their family history or simply exploring the marvellous churches in the Wolds.

The cost of maintaining this fine old building continue to increase and in 2023, it rose to almost £9,000.00

We are fortunate to have a good neighbourhood team who have held a variety of events to help meet these costs and we ended the year positively, looking forward to a growing network of support from both the clergy and our own supporters.

As lay Chairman I cannot over emphasise the importance of our volunteers, the clergy and our supporters and I would also like to thank Penny and Tina for taking over as Church Wardens.

**David Frost**  
**Lay Chair Utterby DCC.**

## News

We start our news by telling you of changes to our Church Council. Alan and Jacqui Woodward and Tim Wood have recently retired from the DCC and we are truly grateful for all their support over the past years. Our new members are Tina Bryan and Penny Would as Churchwardens and Chris Marfleet and Christian West as new Church Council members.

St Andrews church has amazing support from Team Utterby who have helped with recent events and thanks to the growing band of volunteers we believe that we are building a stronger village community through the various activities that are taking place.

Team Utterby have supported the annual Snowdrop and Primrose day when we welcomed an outstanding number of visitors from the village and from away – several who visit on a regular basis.

We have recently updated our social media to enable people to be kept informed about our various events. Our website address is [www.utterbychurch.org](http://www.utterbychurch.org) and new email address [utterbychurch@gmail.com](mailto:utterbychurch@gmail.com). We are indebted to Andrew Lashbrooke-Small and Mel Whitehall for all the hours they have spent setting this up and hope you will find it useful and informative.

Church services continue with visiting clergy at 9.30am

on the fourth Sunday in the month. We intend to vary our services in the future and are already planning our Harvest celebration and of course Christmas services both popular with families.

An episode of petty pilfering from the church took place in the spring, with the theft of kitchen equipment and children's art materials, but in spite of this, the doors remains open to welcome visitors. The church and churchyard seating, provide a sanctuary for those looking for a quiet place to have a moment's peace away from the hectic world.

In June, the Quinquennial inspection will take place, when a designated architect inspects the church and determines what repairs are required to maintain the building. With an ancient building, there is always something that needs attention!!

In order to increase our ability to maintain and improve our church building the Church Committee invite you to consider regularly donating to St Andrew's church funds, using the Parish Giving Scheme.

## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

St Andrew's is registered with the Parish Giving Scheme, a national scheme which allows you to give to St Andrew's securely and safely online.

You can choose 'Regular Giving' to set up a monthly, quarterly, or annual Direct Debit or 'One-Off Gift' to make a single gift using your Debit, Credit Card or Apple/Google Pay wallet.

[www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)

By phone: When you are ready to set up a new regular gift, you will need to have your personal bank account details, church/parish name and PGS parish code to hand then simply call 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

What is a village without a church?



## Empty Toner Cartridges?

We have a box in the church now where you can put used toner cartridges from printers. When the box is reasonably full will can send them to the recycling company and they will pay an amount of money depending on the type of cartridges we have recycled, into the church account.

# Team Utterby



Look out for this brand new TEAM UTTERBY logo, for which we thank local artist Lynn Norris.

The painting shows the medieval pack horse bridge in Church Lane which many years ago, was used by salters carrying salt from the coast to Lincoln and it was also used by monks from the abbey in North Ormsby as they visited Utterby Church.

The bridge is an aspect of village heritage that we value. Village life is another aspect that we value and in that vein, Team Utterby enthusiastically bring together people from throughout the village by arranging events for the benefit of enhancing community spirit.

The multi skilled team members live in the village or close by and all contribute in decision making.

We endeavour to hold events that have something for everyone but we do on occasion ask for help. Have a look at our programme below.

June this year we ask gardeners to help us by growing flowers and plants for our flower festival to be held in the church on 14th and 15th September.

In conjunction with the Wolds and East Coast Open Churches Festival we agreed to hold a flower festival celebrating British flowers and our clever church decorators will receive your contribution during the week before and they, together with anyone who would like to help, will arrange them in the church..

Also in June you will receive a flyer explaining how to take part in the Garden Gate Table Top Sale to be held on 21st July.



*Children's art table*



*Flower arrangement*



*Flower arrangement*

Start collecting your sale items as all the money you make is yours to keep!!

We enjoyed a very happy evening at the Harvest Supper in the village hall last year and this will be repeated on 4th October when Steve Barrie will entertain again.

For crafters in the village, there will be a Craft Fair in the village hall in November. Bookings for stalls are being taken already (see contact details below) and the TEAM will also have a stall selling homemade preserves and baked goods. For a number of years, Utterby held a Christmas Tree Festival in the church and by popular demand we will be bringing that back! You will be invited to display a tree with a theme and bring alive the Christmas spirit.

The Festival will close with a family carol service. Help again if you are a musician or singer as we are wanting to lift the roof off with Christmas music.

We always welcome volunteers. Please do not hesitate to contact us – there is always a job to be done!!

To keep you up to date with our activities do follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/eventsteamutterby](http://www.facebook.com/eventsteamutterby)

And if you would like to contact us email:

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*Plants for sale at the Primrose day*

# Village Hall Annual Report

This is a summary of Utterby Village Hall's Annual Report 2023/24. You can find the full report and finance update on the Hall's website. <https://utterbyvillagehall.org/>  
There are four main areas to report on:

## 1. GOVERNANCE

Meeting the legal requirements of managing and running the Hall

A formal MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE is required by the Hall's Trust Deed governing document and the Charity Commission. A committee was formed in Autumn 23. Management Committee members are designated as Management Trustees and an AGM must be held each year to formally elect and ratify them. This took place on 29 April 24. The Committee is responsible for all aspects of running and managing the Hall.

We recognised the work and dedication of Glenda Thorndycroft and Pat Doherty, who had been running the Hall and keeping it open over the past few years. They stepped down in September. Hall FINANCES were reported on at the AGM and they are in good order. Once audited, financial information required by the Charity Commission, will be uploaded to their website.

## 2. BUILDING & SITE

Practicalities of keeping the premises maintained and safe for use.

The building's ELECTRICAL SAFETY was fully checked by electricians in December. They completed the mandatory five year Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) and carried out all follow up remedial work. This brings the electrical system up to current safety standards. Additionally, a new heater was fitted in the coffee area in November. We plan to add another this Autumn.

The premises needed a full FIRE SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT.

This was undertaken by a qualified assessor in January.



*Fencing Club*



*Lynn Norris Art Group*

Resulting actions from the report have been completed. An ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT SURVEY is a requirement for buildings built before 2000. A professional assessment was made in January. The report and plan are available for contractors who carry out work on the building. REPAIR, MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS are always needed. Thanks to volunteers Dave Whitehall and Lee Smith for carrying out maintenance jobs around the Hall. We are also developing a plan for repair, maintenance and improvement to the building. All work and funding will need to be costed and planned for. CLEANING & GARDENING is carried out by committee members and volunteers. Hirers often comment that the Hall is very clean and well cared for. We now pay a window cleaner every other month to clean external windows.

## 3. POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Developing and implementing key policies and procedures to operate safely and effectively. A comprehensive HALL HIRE AGREEMENT and booking forms have been created. These are used for all hires and clearly set out terms and conditions of hire. Village Guard HALL INSURANCE continues to be held with Allied Westminster. This is specifically designed for village hall cover. A written FIRE SAFETY POLICY and Fire Safety Log Book have been put in place by the new Committee. Fire safety information is shared with all hirers before their hire begins. We now have a COPYRIGHT MUSIC LICENSE (TheMusicLicence PPL PRS) which must be renewed and paid for annually. This allows live and recorded copyright music to be played in the Hall. No ACCIDENTS have been recorded in the past twelve months. There have been no COMPLAINTS. ADDITIONAL POLICIES required for operation are being developed and can be found on the website as they are agreed by the committee.



#### 4. BOOKINGS, ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY

Letting people know about Utterby Village Hall, how to hire it and what's going on

We updated HIRE CHARGES in September. Discounted rates for regular Hirers and Utterby residents were also introduced. Hire charges will not increase this year.

Ways of CONTACTING THE HALL have improved. A

Facebook page, Instagram account,

X account and email address have been set up, providing more ways to contact and find out about the Hall.

Our new WEBSITE went live in February. This is now a hub for hall information.



*Yoga and  
Meditation*



*New Age  
Kurling*



*Mayor of Louth with the Ukulele Group*



*Cupcake Course*

We also continue to produce POSTERS, FLYERS & LEAFLETS and deliver information to Utterby residents. HALL USE rose from 103 hires in 22/23 to 162 hires during 23/24.

Total hours of use rose from 238 hours to 411.5 hours.

Thank you to all our Hirers who continue to use the Hall for a wide variety of activities, especially those that hire the Hall regularly.

We also appreciate everyone who supports events and activities that take place.

This 116 year old building is still having a beneficial impact on a wide variety of people. We will do our best to care for it during our time as Management Trustees.

**Simon Lashbrooke-Small, Chair, Utterby Village Hall**

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL**



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# Utterby Parish Council *Annual Report*

**Please note that this report was presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2024.**

Following the co-option of two Councillors in April we had a full council, but last week received two further resignations and so hope to fill these at a forthcoming meeting. I would like to thank the councillors for all that they do in their role.

The Parish Council has been ably supported throughout the year by our local representative from ELDC, Councillor Edward Mossop and Councillor Alex Hall from Lincolnshire County Council, who have attended most of our meetings.

On behalf of everyone residing in Utterby, I would wish to thank our Parish Clerk, Maria Vincent for her work in the running of our affairs.

Utterby Parish Council met on ten occasions this year, although on one occasion we were not quorate and therefore unable to discuss any business. We continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month with a 15 minute slot at the beginning of the meeting for residents to ask relevant questions. Our next Parish Council meeting is tonight, at 7pm, later that it would usually be due to the elections of the Crime and Police Commission last week.

## **Governance**

The Parish Council is a member of the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, their support and legal advice access has been very helpful in the past. The Council continues to ensure that its framework of policies is regularly reviewed and updated. Key documents include the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Management/ Strategy. A complete list of the policies and documents are available on the Council's website.

## **Delivery of Parish Council Amenities**

The Council continues to maintain the Village Green and the amenity grass verges on the A16. The verges amenity grass cutting is part of a Parish Agreement with Lincolnshire County Council and we now sign up to this on a rolling basis. The initiative enables the Parish Council to contract a grass cutting company direct to cut verges along the A16 through Utterby. It has to be said that last year we were very disappointed with the contractors (used for a couple of years previously) and the grass was only cut on 5 occasions instead of the 13 times during the year they were contracted for. This year we have new contractors and hope that the grass cutting will be an improvement.

The moles have again been troublesome this year, but the pest control company endeavours to keep them under control.

The bus shelters and the telephone box are cleaned every month and the structures are maintained. One of the residents of Grange Lane has painted the exterior of the telephone box and is currently painting the interior, we are most grateful to them.

The Kissing Gates on the A16 have partially collapsed and so we are currently looking into the best way to mend them. The Millennium bench and the benches on the village green are due to be re-oiled during the coming year.

The bus shelters were repainted the previous year but will be monitored. There are five planters in the village which are refreshed with new seasonal plants on a regular basis. We maintain all the trees and the hedge on the village green, and also organise three cuts per year for the footpath from Church Lane to the A16 to keep this clear for walkers (LCC no longer maintains it). We now also cut, three times a year, the excess tree/bush growth on the corner of the A16 and Church Lane junction as this creates a blind spot when trying to pull out of Church Lane onto the main road.

Last year we were offered a free metal noticeboard from Blackrow Group (a local resident connection), and as the wooden one was in a poor state, we decided to replace it. Part of the new noticeboard is available for the users of the Village Hall to add their own posters.

Last year we contributed toward the cost of a Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall but we hope to also add some other festive decorations this year.

The Welcome Packs continue to be delivered to new residents. The Council continues to maintain and update its website, Facebook page and publishes and distributes the Utterby Voice twice a year in January and July.

## **Finance**

In 2023/24 the precept was £8843.84. Our budget was £9,970.00 and at the end of this financial year our spend was £6969.86. Our income was £14.87 less than expected. This left us with a balance of budget and reserves of £20,030.02. The underspend this year was primarily due to the lack of grass cutting and the terrible rainy weather which stopped us from planting some new trees. We also received income from the Parish Share (grass cutting contribution from LCC) and a claim back of VAT on our expenditure. The Council resolved to make no increase on the Precept for 2024/25 keeping it to £8843.84 yet again.

We ensure that all contracts and purchases give the residents of Utterby best value. The annual Internal Audit took place in April 2024 with a good report back and the AGAR (annual governance and accountability return for

23/24) will be completed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (later this evening) and submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP Auditors.

### **LCC Highways and Other Issues**

The Parish Council reports on issues regarding the highways / street lighting and the traffic refuge in the village often using 'Fix My Street' and we continue to make Lincolnshire County Council aware of the speed and volume of traffic on the A16. We are very pleased that the county council have consulted on reducing the speed limit through the main part of the village to 30mph. We will continue to petition them regarding speeding in the village as it is one of the major issues.

### **Planning Matters**

Six applications were considered during the year:

Outline erection of 2no. dwellings with existing outbuildings to be demolished. SOUTH GRANGE, MAIN ROAD, UTTERBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TQ Ref. No: N/192/00095/24

Planning Permission - Erection of freestanding pergola's (works started).

LANGDALE, CHURCH LANE, UTTERBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TH Ref. No: N/192/02430/23 Hybrid application for the outline erection of 2 no. dwellings and full planning permission LAND TO THE SOUTH OF GRANGE LANE, UTTERBY Ref. No: N/192/02010/23

Section 73 application in relation to condition no. 2 (approved plans) as previously imposed UTTERBY METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL LANE, UTTERBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TR Ref. No: N/192/01575/23

Planning Permission - Extension to existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation HONEYSUCKLE COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, UTTERBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TP Ref. No: N/192/01118/23

Planning Permission - Erection of a greenhouse (works already commenced).

LANGDALE, CHURCH LANE, UTTERBY, LOUTH, LN11 0TH Ref. No: N/192/00966/23

The Council considers all planning applications objectively and with regards to the village as a whole - it has been supportive of residents inconvenienced by building traffic and will continue to report to Planning Enforcement when conditions stipulated by planning applications are ignored or planning permission is not applied for to begin with.

We are very lucky to live in a beautiful village, and so we would like to celebrate Utterby in pictures.

Have you got photos of the village (during any season) that you would be happy to share with us (royalty and copyright free) to use in the Utterby Voice, on the website and on our Facebook page?

We would also like to consider putting on a small exhibition in the Village Hall if we have enough entries. So, have a look through your camera or smart phone and see if you have a photo you would like to share with the village!

Please send all images to [clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk) - All photos must be those you have taken and although we will acknowledge you in name as the photographer, they must be copyright and royalty free.



## CLERK & RFO VACANCY

### **Have you considered becoming a Parish Council Clerk?**

Utterby Parish Council has a vacancy for a Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. It is a part time post, 16 hours per month. The salary is dependent upon experience and qualifications and based on a nationally agreed model.

For further information go to the website <https://utterby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> or email [Clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@utterbyparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
**Closing date: 29th July 2024.**

**DOG POO  
PLEASE BIN IT!**

## Utterby Parish Council

### Chairman

#### Councillor Matthew Wright

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#### Councillor Mr Terry Buckley

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**We currently have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor and also a vacancy for a Parish Clerk and RFO.**

**If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please email:**

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## Useful Contacts

Abandoned Vehicles	ELDC	01507 601111
Blue Badge Scheme	LCC	01522 782232
Bus Pass	LCC	01522 873700
Call Connect		0345 2343344
Citizens Advice Louth		0808 278 7904
Crime Stoppers		0800 555111
Dog Wardens	ELDC	01507 601111
Floodline	Env. Agency	0345 9881188
Fly tipping	ELDC	01507 601111
Highways	LCC	01522 782070
Lifelong Learning	LCC	01522 782011
Missed bins	ELDC	01507 601111
Mobile Libraries	LCC	01522 782010
Parish Clerk	Parish Council	01507 328149
Pest Investigation Advice	ELDC	01507 601111
Police Non-emergency Number		101
Streetlights	LCC	01522 782070
Trading Standards	Citizens Advice	0808 223 1133

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## How the Parish Council Works

The Parish Clerk works for and with the Council to action its decisions. The main role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of all residents within the Parish, to listen to and understand the views and needs of residents and different groups in the community. The precept is the parish council's share of the council tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, East Lindsey District Council, which collects the tax for the Parish Council. The Parish Council may only undertake actions if it has a statutory power to do so and it must also fulfil certain obligations.

### Have you ever wondered what your council tax pays for in Utterby?

We try very hard to use the precept wisely and with best value always a priority.

### Your Parish Council owns/maintains the following.

4 Bus Shelters

Kissing gates (x 2)

Decorative village sign

Parish notice board

Planters at the end of four lanes and on main road

Village Green, hedge and trees on the green

Two park benches on Village Green

Millennium oak tree and bench

Lockable cabinet, located in Utterby Village Hall for the safe keeping of Parish Council records.

Laptop computer and laser printer

### The Council facilitate contracts related to:

Cleaning of Bus Shelters

Cutting of Village Green grass and hedges

Cutting of A16 grass verges (in the main village)

All tree work required to Parish Council trees

Pest control to village green and verges when required

### Utterby Parish Council organise/administer

Parish Clerk's salary

The Utterby Voice

The Parish Council website and Facebook page

The Annual Parish Meeting

### Utterby Parish Council check on behalf of other agencies

Telephone Box (Open Reach)

Packhorse Bridge (LCC)