



# Around Corringham and Aisby

## The Newsletter for Corringham Parish Council

### Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to our Spring newsletter for Corringham Parish Council.

It's some time since we last issued a newsletter so we thought we would update you on what the Parish Council has been doing, and let you know about some of our plans and ideas for the future.

Over the last few months we've seen four new members join the council and we now total seven. This has meant we have been able to start some of the projects we had put on hold.

We have included some information about some of your Councillors within this newsletter, to give you a better idea about who is making the decisions. As you will see we are a diverse set of individuals from varied backgrounds and with differing experiences.

The one thing we have in common is that we come together to serve the Community we have chosen to live in.

We still have two vacancies on the Parish Council and I would ask you all to consider joining us to ensure the future governance of the Parish.

If you feel being a Councillor is too much then please consider volunteering to join us in the Parish Ecology projects (more later).

Parish Councils are, by their nature, slow beasts that take a long time to make decisions. This is driven by the need to be transparent and open about how we spend your monies.

Frustrating though this is we do get there in the end!

Diane Semley  
Chairman



### Parish Council Meetings

#### Dates and Times -

All Ordinary meetings of the Parish Council normally take place on the first or second Tuesday of every month (with the exception of August). Please see the meeting dates on the website or notice boards.

Meetings start at 7.15pm with a public session where members of the Parish can put questions to, or make comments or statements to the council.

If necessary any issues raised can then be placed on the agenda for discussion at the following month's meeting.

External bodies can also give reports during this time.



## Defibrillator

As no doubt most of you will have noticed there is now a defibrillator installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall on Middle Street.

The defibrillator was purchased by the Parish Council and is available for anyone to use in an emergency.

No training is required and full instructions on how to access the equipment are on the outside of the box. Once you have contacted the emergency services they will talk you through how to use it.



## Doggy Doos!



We love your dogs, but not what they leave behind.

There have been instances in both Corringham & Aisby of dog mess being found outside people's houses, on verges, in the pond area, in the Churchyard and Cemetery, and a rather runny mess down the gate to the pond.

I can only begin to imagine how upsetting it would be for a bereaved relative or a bride if they

stepped in unwanted mess.

Please, please, please pick up or clean up after your pet pooch

## Police Please!

Following a spate of crimes in Corringham the Police have asked us to be extra vigilant and to report any suspicious incidents, however trivial they may seem.

So if something doesn't look right - **REPORT IT.**

The number for reporting suspicious incidents is 101.

In an emergency dial 999.



Contact the Parish Council at: [dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com](mailto:dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com)

## Corringham Parish Budget 2025/26

The precept is the money which we receive from the Government each year to enable us to undertake services and maintenance of the Parish. This then forms part of your Council Tax bill. Each individual parish sets their own precept according to their budgetary needs.

The precept request for Corringham Parish for 2025/26 financial year was £17,500. This is a 16.7% increase in the precept on the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Although the percentage rise looks high, in simplistic terms it equates to a payment of £70 per household in the Council Tax bill for 2025/26; being the amount for the upkeep of Corringham Parish.

As with everyone else Corringham Parish has felt the effect of the 'cost of living crisis'. We have seen the cost of many of our services rise over the last three years. This meant when we came to set the budget for 2025/26 we had some tough decisions to make.

We have been frugal over the last couple of years and have been accruing reserves in order to be able to fund some of the larger projects needed in the Parish. We have also been able to save some money by Cllr. Semley undertaking the role of Clerk, without re-numeration, and we have managed to offset the bank charges by utilising the reserve account to give us an income from interest.

The grass and hedge cutting contract has increased by £2,000 over the last two years and will increase again in the 2025/26 season. This has come about through cost of living increases, fuel price increases, an increase in areas needing maintenance, and an extension of the grass cutting period at both ends of the season.

This year our anticipated spend on grass cutting alone is set to be £6,500, which is just over 37% of our precept request for 2025/26.

Although we do not currently have a Clerk we do need to budget for one. This accounts for a further 23% of our budget, not including training cost.

A further 20% of the Parish budget goes to pay for insurance, ICO registration, website support, training for Councillors and Clerk, subscription fees to Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, bank charges, Village Hall room hire (a cost which has only recently been levied on us), and auditor fees.

This will leave us with just £3,500 from the 2025/26 precept with which to undertake the remainder of the works required in the Parish, such as new fencing and gates, tree works, pond works and works in the cemetery.

To enable us to undertake this work, over the last few years have been holding monies from each precept in what is known as reserves. This is a way of building up funds for larger projects without the need for massive precept increases in one single year. We will aim to try and secure some grant funding for some of this work but may need to match fund, which is where our reserves also come in.

For up to date information on the Council, meetings, finances and services please visit our website at: [corringham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://corringham.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)



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## Meet your Councillors

**Councillor Sarah Blades** is well known to most in the Parish as she was brought up in Heapham, and attended Corringham Primary School. Sarah will turn her hand to most things and after leaving Lincoln College with a Diploma in Fashion & Design she ran her own child minding business, has made rosettes for Crufts and currently runs her own cleaning business.

Serving alongside Baroness Scotland in a working group Sarah helped put together the policy and recommendations to help improve the effectiveness of Police in dealing with victims of domestic abuse. Policies that are in use in police forces across the country today.

**Councillor Malc Parr** is one of our farming brethren. His family have farmed land in and around the parish for several generations.

When Malc is not behind the wheel of a tractor he can be found behind a microphone. He kept us all entertained with his singing performances during lockdown.

**Councillor Julia Tipping** has been a resident of Aisby for over 13 years, and she joined the Council to be a local 'voice for Aisby'.

Until her retirement Julia worked in the NHS all her working life, as receptionist and in secretarial positions.

Not one to let the grass grow under her feet Julia has been involved in volunteer work for over eight years, and works as a social team member for Slimming World. She also uses her passion for knitting to knit hats for the babies in the premature unit at Scunthorpe Hospital

**Councillor Mark Johnson** has lived in Corringham for nearly 3 years, originally hailing from Thorne (Doncaster) and having spent time living in Manchester, the Wirral and overseas in Australia and Spain.

Much of his career has been spent in the travel industry, however the Covid pandemic brought about a change and he now works for Mitie, one of the UK's largest facilities management companies.

One of Mark's main hobbies is gardening and, having moved into a house with a 'decent plot', he has loads of space to grow plenty of fresh fruit and veg and, since he works from home, he gets to enjoy the garden on the occasional warm summer day.

We have recently been joined by Councillors Sheila Bibb and Roy Craven - more about them in the next edition.

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## Meet the Chairman

Cllr. Diane Semley is Chairman of Corringham Parish Council and has over 10 years experience serving the Parish as a Councillor, heading up our Neighbourhood Plan team and recently taking on the role of Acting Clerk as well as Chairman.

Diane spent over 20 years in Marketing for Brands such as Ronseal and Dulux, where she managed a million pound marketing and advertising budget.

After leaving marketing Diane took to property developing and now manages a portfolio of rental properties. You may also see her travelling around Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire in her work as a train guard for East Midlands Railway.

When not at work, on Council business, or transporting her grandson to cricket Diane can be found in her garden, working on her house or renovating a piece of old furniture!



## Photography Competition

We use pictures from around our Parish to head up our Website home page and are looking for some fresh new ones for our photo gallery.

We are running a photographic competition to see what you, the Community, come up with.

There are two categories for entries 15 years old and under, and 16 years and over, with Amazon gift cards for the winners of both categories.

Photographs should be landscape in orientation and in digital format.

They should be taken within the Parish and should reflect aspects of life and the landscapes across the villages as well as across the seasons.

To enter send your photographs to [dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com](mailto:dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com) together with your details and your age, if 15 or under.

All entries will be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 20th when the winners will be announced

**Closing Date: 14th May 2025.**



Find us on Facebook at 'Around Corringham and Aisby'

## It's all a load of rubbish...

### Bigger Bins

West Lindsey District Council are now offering a 'larger bin' services for those residents who need to have a major clear out or a big 'Spring Clean'.

This is really useful if you cannot feasibly get to, or you have too much waste to take to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre, but not quite enough to hire a big skip.

Residents can hire an 1100 litre bin priced at £60, and a 660-litre bin priced at £50 for a week, providing a cheaper alternative to skip hire. Preferred delivery and collection dates can be selected within a 48-hour slot, providing flexibility and convenience.

The service is for general waste items, excluding tyres, hazardous waste, electrical items. It is **not** intended for recyclable materials or commercial waste.

For more information on what can be included and to book your large bin hire service, please visit WLDC's website at:

[www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/bigbinhire](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/bigbinhire)



### Fly Tipping

West Lindsey District Council are responsible for removing fly-tipping which is on public land, such as highways, grass verges or footpaths.

Their aim is to collect any fly-tipped waste as soon as possible but within a maximum of 10 working days.

If you discover fly-tipped waste please call 01427 676676 to report it.

Give the exact location and whether **it is and if it is in, or near, water.**

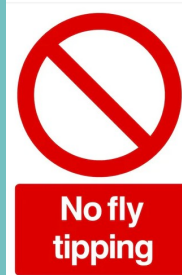
Please do not handle the waste as it can be dangerous - it may contain syringes, broken glass, asbestos, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances. Visually inspect the waste, try to determine what the waste consists of and how much there is, and note the contents.

Do not disturb the site: there may be evidence that could be used to bring a prosecution.

The Parish Council are also monitoring fly tipping so you can also report it to us at:

[dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com](mailto:dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com)

whether it is in or near water







## Become a Parish Councillor

When asked why they became a Parish Councillor most people say because they either wanted to give back to their community, or they turned up to a meeting just to see what it was all about and got roped in.

### Why do we have Parish Councils?

Parish Councils and their Councillors are vital to the running of any Parish. They are not affiliated to any political party and act in the best interest of the Community.

They are responsible for ensuring that the monies the Parish receives from the precept each year are spent appropriately in the upkeep of the Parish. Without a Parish Council services such as the grass cutting, burials, benches, the bus shelter, speed signs, and the Neighbourhood Plan would not exist.

### Why we need you.

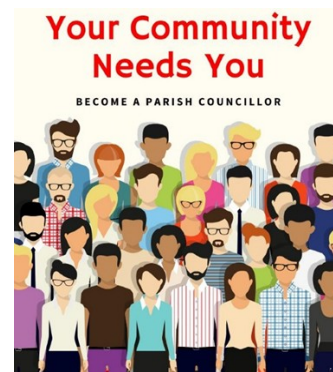
This is why it is important to have a full compliment of Councillors. It takes time to 'learn' the ropes and become a practiced Councillor. We currently have two vacancies and would love to have a full Council of nine to ensure we have a strong governance for the Parish in the future.

### I don't have any experience.

You don't have to have any experience to be a Councillor, just an open mind with a willingness to listen, learn and give your own point of view in a constructive and open manner. There are training courses available on all aspects of being a Councillor.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Parish Councillor and the work of the Parish Council please contact the Chairman at:

[dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com](mailto:dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com)



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**WANTED**

We are looking to recruit a new Clerk to the Council.

The Clerk is responsible for ensuring the Council operates legally within the Council's Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. A background in Administration and Book

keeping would be an advantage but full training is available for the right candidate. The hours are 16 hours per month, this includes attending meetings, writing minutes, preparing documents, financial management, liaising with contractors and councillors, and working closely with the Chairman.

If you are interested in the role or want to know more about being a Clerk please contact Chairman, Diane Semley, at the email address above.



## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in Corringham Village Hall on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7.30.

### **This is not a Parish Council meeting.**

It is a meeting for the whole Parish where the Council will present reports on what we have been doing throughout the year, and what we have planned in the coming year.

Outside agencies, such as The School, will also be invited to partake.

It is an opportunity for Parishioners to have their say on what they would like to see done in the Parish and what they would like to see their money spent on. For instance — a children's play area?

It is also a chance to meet the people behind the decision making.

So keep the date in your diary and come and join us for cake and a cuppa!



## Help Wanted!

Last year we started the Corringham Ecology Project by removing some of the non-native tree species from the Cemetery (Behind the churchyard), as well as removing dead trees,

and trees that were overcrowded or encroaching on the memorial trees.

Some of you may already have noticed that work has begun in the pond area with the removal and pruning of some of the trees, and the dredging of the pond. Over the summer we will be undertaking further works on the pond area to create better wildlife habitats.

We need people to help with this part of the Pond Project and looking for willing volunteers. This could involve clearing weed beds and fallen leaves, planting flora, nurturing bluebell and Snowdrop bulbs, or building bird and animal shelters. There is something for everyone to get involved in whatever your age, experience or physical ability.

The more volunteers we have the better placed we are to apply for grant funding and help keep down the cost to the Parish.

If you could spare the odd hour here and there to help us make a better, more ecologically friendly place to live, then please get in touch.

You can volunteer by contacting us [at](mailto:dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com) [dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com](mailto:dsemleycorringhampc@gmail.com).

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As Jane Austen said –

*“It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do”*