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## Annual Meeting

Five months into the year already, the trees are in full blossom (until the wind and rain blows it off) and the end of another council year is imminent.

The Annual Meeting of the Tickhill Town Council will be held on Tuesday 28th May which sees the election of the Chair and the declaration of the signing of office.

In order to remain lawful, the Council must never be without a Chair, and the retiring Chair must preside over the election of the new Chair.

All councillors wishing to serve another term will be elected onto the council.

The AGM is followed by the ordinary monthly meeting with the first 15 minutes dedicated to members of the public to raise any concerns they have.

Its good to see members of the public attend regularly and we would encourage anyone to attend (we don't bite)!

## Your Councillors

Peter Walker - Chair & Mayor

John Hoare - Councillor

Anita Johnson - Councillor

Kathryn Rochard - Councillor

Ian Smith - Councillor

Chris Taylor - Councillor

Matt Wood - Councillor

Clerk & RFO - Maxine Booker  
[clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Pavilion  
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Pavilion Manager - Jane White

Communications & Deputy  
 Clerk- Max Gravill

*Tickhill Town Council*

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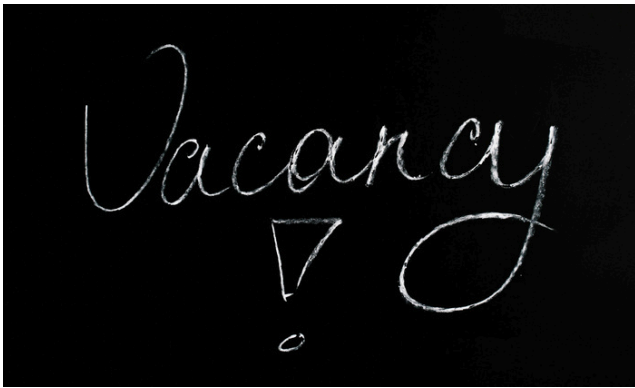
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## Tickhill Town Councillor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on the council, one of which we hope to fill by the time this newsletter is circulated.

If you meet the following criteria and would like to make a difference in the community, we would love to hear from you.

- Your name must appear on the current Register of Electors for the Town, or
- You must have occupied as owner or tenant of, land or premises in the Parish/ Town for the previous 12 months, or
- Your only place of work during the past twelve months is in Tickhill, or
- You have for the past 12 months resided in or within 4.8 kilometres of Tickhill.

You can not be a councillor if you:

- Work for the council you want to be a councillor for

- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order.
- Have been sentenced to prison for three months or more (including suspended sentences) during the five years before election day.
- Have been convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court.
- Are subject to any relevant notification requirements, or a relevant order, in respect of a sexual offence.

For further information or to apply, please email [clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.gov.uk) or write to the clerk telling us a little about yourself and why you would like to become a Councillor.

Applicants will be invited to give a short presentation to the council.

## D-Day 80th Anniversary

The Beacon is now an established part of the Buttercross having developed a healthy layer of rust.

Our next scheduled lighting is 6th June when we mark the 80th anniversary of the Normandy D-Day landings.

The date also coincides with National Fish and Chip Day so why not visit Tickhill Chippy, grab yourself a takeaway and come and watch us light the beacon. We're instructed to light it at 9:15, although given our success rate, it may well be closer to 9:20 before there's any sign of real flames.



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## Road Safety

As always, there is much discussion and concern around road safety in Tickhill, and often the same issues keep cropping up so we have dedicated an entire page to the topic!



If you have any concerns related to traffic, parking or road safety issues, we would love to hear from you and these can be discussed at our quarterly liason meetings with CDC. please get in touch with the clerk by email.

## Double Yellows!

Still on the theme of road safety but moving onto the hot topic of double yellow lines, it appears the highway administration at CDC is yellow line selective (and lacking priority).

Following a request to prevent vehicles parking opposite the school junction, Doncaster Highways propose to extend the double yellow lines on Common Lane by approximately 16m.

Whilst this is clearly necessary, the same consideration for yellow lines requested along Alderson Drive to prevent parking near the Cricket Club and ensure the bus can access the route at all times have been rejected on several occasions. The reason? CDC claim they are unable to enforce parking restrictions outside of the town centre.

So how do they enforce the ones recently painted on Meadow Drive and Lumley Drive both of which are outside the centre of the town?

This only strengthens our arguement to take over enforcement of parking in the town ourselves which could be done commercially and be cost neutral.

You have not heard the last on this topic!



## Community Speed Watch

You may have seen in recent weeks we have been campaigning to recruit additional volunteers for our community speed watch initiative which has had some degree of success since it was launched last year, although it could be argued that we are doing the job the Police should be doing and the initiative certainly doesn't go nearly far enough in terms of improving the safety of the roads through the town.

We have successfully recruited 3 more volunteers which means now the lighter evenings are here we will be able to carry out events on a more regular basis over the 5 Police approved locations throughout the town. We are still keen to engage more volunteers and have been working with the Wadworth CSW Team and the Police in trying to get permanent signage to eliminate the need for our portable finger trapping signs.

If you are interested in becoming a CSW volunteer, please drop an email to [communications@tickhilltown council.gov.uk](mailto:communications@tickhilltown council.gov.uk) for more details.

## Co-op Crossing



Unfortunately there has been no movement on this and we seem to be at loggerheads with City of Doncaster Council who refuse to accept the need for any type of crossing but have yet to offer any

acceptable explanation why, simply stating the safety record of this location is not an issue.

You may have seen the letter sent from Doncaster Council to Nick Fletcher in response to his support of a crossing which we publicised on Social Media and on our website

To say the content of the letter was factually incorrect is an understatement.

You can see the full letter on our website.

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## Tickhill Buttercross



Tickhill Buttercross is an iconic and much loved landmark and has stood in the centre of the Marketplace since around 1777. The Grade II listed building was built by the Rev. Christopher Alderson in an attempt to revive the weekly market and was restored by his last surviving granddaughter Miss Anna Marie Alderson in 1898.

It has certainly stood the test of time but the current volume of traffic and frequency of HGVs passing through Tickhill are starting to take their toll (as well as on some of the older properties on the main roads).

During a routine meeting with David Hornsby, the newly appointed conservation officer it was noted that the columns are in a poor condition and will soon need work.

We will need to engage with Historic England, working with David to ascertain what needs to be done and how we do it. We suspect this will not be a five-minute fix!

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

Thank you to everyone who submitted their comments and recommendations on the updated NP, these have all now been taken into consideration in preparing the final plan.

The plan is currently with our consultant to discuss with Doncaster Council the issues they are not happy with and we have yet to reach an agreement.

Several staff changes within CDC have seen a series of U turns and things in the plan that they previously liked seem to be no longer acceptable.

Much of the objections from CDC seem to be with the Heritage on which we've done significant work and the previous planners liked, and the green spaces, two of which are the primary schools sat on land owned by CDC. The worry is if either of these schools ever closed, this would be prime building land which we wish to avoid at all costs.

## Pavilion Online Booking

For the last three months, we have been trialling a new online booking system. Our regular hirers have all given it the thumbs up so we have taken the system live.

You can now check availability and book the venue yourself using our live online booking system on the council website.

We are currently working with the Tennis Club and hope to be able to make the tennis courts available for hire via the online system when they are not in use by the Tennis Club.

Obviously we will still be taking bookings by phone and are extending this service for those not comfortable with or who don't have access to online booking. All bookings will be confirmed and followed up with a courtesy phone call.

*Thank you for reading!*

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