



TICKHILL TOWN COUNCIL

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WELCOME

Tickhill Town Council is now established on Social Media and posts regular updates for those wanting and able to use it keeping the community aware of notices and issues we feel are of benefit. We do however realise that this does not reach everyone and this newsletter will be available both on our website, in the library and also as a copy for email circulation. Should you wish to have your email address included for us to send you a copy to read at your leisure then please contact Lisa on communications@tickhilltowncouncil.co.uk

FLOWER BEDS

Early Summer is now well underway and the flower beds throughout Tickhill have been planted and will continue to blossom for our enjoyment courtesy of the continued hard work of Tickhill In Bloom. For forty years the volunteers have given their time to tend over 24 flower beds and planters. They plug and plant 1750 winter plants and in the beds currently are 1200 planted summer flowers which will flourish with their care and attention. With regard



to the flower beds, provision has been allocated within the 25/26 budget for ongoing repairs to be carried out with an approved contractor. Some of the flower beds have been identified as potential hazards for those volunteers who manage them as they are situated too close to the highway. These would need to under go relocation, the cost of which would fall into the 26/27 budget and also permission to be granted by Doncaster Council.

DUCK FEEDER

Councillor Cooper has been working hard behind the scenes on a project to introduce to Mill Dam to be of benefit to visitors and the ducks who live there in the form of a Duck Feeder.

The concept of a Duck Feeder is to provide the inhabiting ducks with the correct food for them to digest and in doing so reduce



the amount of bread waste and rubbish which inevitably

is seen floating in the water. This is of environmental benefit to the area and for the health of the ducks. The proposed location just near the gateway to the field by Mill Dam is unregistered, but maintained by CDC highways and the company who manufacture the Duck Feeder have confirmed they are able to offer a side opening unit which would be suitable for this suggested position. We are hopeful installation will be this summer.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

HELP KEEP TICKHILL SAFE TOGETHER – JOIN COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

In just five months from December to April, Tickhill's Community Speed Watch (CSW) team carried out 10 sessions across various



locations – making a real impact. With 36 vehicles reported for speeding and a clear reduction in traffic speed when volunteers were

present, it is proof that our community-led efforts are working. Seven events were held in May and June where 592 vehicles were checked and 63 of these were reported as exceeding the permitted speed limit. The National Roads Policing Operations Intelligence and Investigation have reported that there is a 20% increase in people being killed or seriously injured on roads and speeding is proven to be the biggest cause. With this in mind, to keep the momentum going and make Tickhill's roads safer for everyone, we need more volunteers. This is your chance to be part of a positive change in your town, To get involved, email clerk@tickhilltowncouncil.gov.uk.

TICKHILL SPITAL

The long-awaited completion of the Tickhill Spital junction has now been up and running in its new format for a few months, bringing to a close a project almost a year in the making. Funded by the developers, the

redesigned junction—though functional—was met with some disappointment for its unimaginative layout and lack of clarity. While it may not be the ideal solution many had hoped for, it certainly appears to be a positive outcome, with the traffic light system keeping the traffic flowing through the day and particularly during the peak morning and evening busy periods and importantly no dangerous junctions to navigate. We have reported the pull in area for maintenance vehicles which resembles a slip road between Harworth and Tickhill, posing a risk to drivers unfamiliar with the junction. This has been raised with an urgent need for updated signage to prevent potential incidents.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotments behind the pavilion are currently owned and maintained by Doncaster Council. The process of transferring ownership to TTC has been ongoing for several years and is now



nearing completion with the legal teams. Once this is resolved the legal transfer can be

finalised. TTC can then contact the current allotment holders to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can work together and plan for the future.

BUTTERCROSS

In 2027 the Buttercross will be celebrate its 250 year anniversary. A condition survey of the Buttercross was recently carried out on 6th June as the previous one was undertaken in 2005. This assessment is crucial to establishing the current state of the structure. We are now awaiting the full detailed report, which will provide an updated valuation for insurance purposes. Initial findings suggest that the Buttercross is currently undervalued which was not unexpected. The report will also include a comprehensive estimate of the works required to preserve the structure and ensure its stability for many years to come. Preliminary observations indicate that only light remedial work is needed at this stage. Additionally, it has been recommended that old, redundant wiring—associated with previous Christmas lighting installations—should be removed to avoid potential hazards. We will provide a further update once the full report has been received.

ST MARY'S CAR PARK

The situation regarding St Mary's Car Park has been ongoing for several years. While we continue to hope for a resolution in the near future, the matter remains with our solicitor, and we are currently awaiting a further update.

We are awaiting clarification from the respective solicitors on the responsibility of the boundaries to be taken over.

We will share more information as soon as we receive clarification from our legal representative.

MOVING FORWARDS WITH OUR NEW COUNCIL

May marked the start of a new Council, with six seats filled during the uncontested election and three vacancies, all of which were filled by co-option at the meeting held on 13th May by previous councillor Sai Patel and Ian Smith and a new addition Sam Foster. Anita Johnson became our new Chair, joined by previous serving councillors Baz Cooper, Matt Bycroft, and Chris Taylor as Deputy Chair, along with newly elected members Doug Cartwright and Paula Thomas.

As a collective the new councillors bring a wealth of diverse experience.

Paula Thomas is well known as the owner of Tickhill Today. As the founder of Poppies for Tickhill she also sits as a trustee for two local boards. Her experience as a parent governor and introduction of the Teen Café, ensures as a Councillor, she will be driving to improve facilities for young people.

Doug Cartwright was previously an active member of Bawtry Town Council, serving as Vice Chair for five of his ten years so brings insight and experience of council procedures. After retirement from his own consultancy business he also chaired Bawtry Residents Group so his contribution will be positive and an invaluable asset to the Council.

Sam Foster currently works in an industry supporting young people in the preparation from education to employment so has strong local network connections to focus on helping both local businesses and the young demographic in Tickhill. Sam believes in community action and is also a member of Harworth Brass Band.

Supporting the council is our Clerk, Maxine Gravill, alongside Joanne Halsall (RFO), Lisa Needham (Admin Support Coordinator), and Steve Redman (Lengthsman). It is a strong team ready to make a positive impact. With fresh energy and new ideas, we are committed to transparency and working *with* the community to build a stronger, more connected Tickhill!

LAND OFF THE PADDOCKS

We are now approaching the final stages of completing the transfer of ownership and responsibility for the land off The Paddocks to Tickhill Town Council.

The latest development is that CDC recently provided updated boundary information. An earlier version of the drawings incorrectly showed that Tickhill Town Council would be responsible for all boundaries, including those currently owned and maintained by local residents. This discrepancy was identified and a correct site plan has been reissued.

In the meantime, concerns have been raised by residents regarding the presence of invasive mare's-tail weed and the condition of the overgrown pond, which has become potentially hazardous due to a lack of maintenance by CDC. In response, a cutting of the area was scheduled for 27th June.

Before the transfer is finalised, a meeting of the Council will be convened to review and discuss all details in the documentation.

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