

# SOUTH WILLINGHAM CHRONICLE

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## PHONE BOX SAVED FOR THE VILLAGE

Residents are asked to make suggestions for alternative use

At the Parish Council Meeting held on November 22 2017 Cllr Elliott had circulated correspondence from BT regarding the legal adoption of the phone box. It would cost £1 to purchase and, from then on, all responsibility would lie with SWPC. BT would pay for the electricity to keep the light on (until they may decide to do this no longer, when SWPC would have to stand the minimal cost). At the recent meeting held on January 17 2018, Cllr Elliott had received the agreement back from them. Decommissioning was now awaited. Regarding a use for the phone box, Cllr Elliott had put notices inside the box and in the bus shelter back in November asking for village opinions. So far, he had received no replies. The bulb in the phone box had started to flicker and Cllr Elliott would ask BT to check this on before decommissioning. *(extracts from Parish Council minutes)*

The traditional red kiosk or K6 plays a significant part in our village heritage. Forward your suggestions to: Councillor Paul Elliott Tel: 07753 826082 or [pauelliott27@hotmail.com](mailto:pauelliott27@hotmail.com)

*(photo above: N.Spencer)*

### SOUTH WILLINGHAM CHRONICLE IDEAS:

#### Phone Booth turned into Flower Display

several councils have been turning them into planters

#### Phone Booth turned into Defibrillator Station

The problem with village life is that you are often very far away when it comes to hospitals and more importantly fast medical response. So what some villages have done is to turn their old phone boxes into mini medical centres complete with a defibrillator

#### Phone Booth turned into Library

turning the old phone boxes into a village library/book exchange of books you have read but no longer want.

## Tree-felling/drainage update

Notices for the closure of Donington Road January 22 - 31 2018 for drain clearance and some tree removal went ahead.

Work was between Poplar Farm and just beyond the bridge. Trees were felled to final spacings to allow for access. The Council would clear the verge and then it was the responsibility of the Heneage Estate to clear the ditches. The Estate was also going to clear some trees by the field entrance further up the road to improve visibility.

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At the Residents Forum at the Parish Council Meeting in November 2017 it was reported that Cllr Elliott and Mark De Ath had met and walked up Donington Road to look at the site of



the flooding. They agreed that access to the point of flooding was not hampered by tree growth. Cllr Elliott had reported this back to Richard Littlewood of ELDC. In Mr Granger's opinion the drainage system at the point of flooding was quite complex and needed to be unblocked under the road. The ditch on the opposite side of the road was presumed to be the responsibility of the Brays. The colour coding system on the trees was not understood by those who had looked at it. It was agreed that trees identified for felling should be known in advance of any work. Mr Granger said that a new government tree protection scheme was due to come into force shortly which might have an impact.

*(extracts from Parish Council minutes)*

*(Photo above taken during works in January: N.Spencer)*

## PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

There are two long standing vacancies on the SWPC. Cllr Elliott said in November that he would approach people in person to join the council. A notice of vacancies had been displayed in the bus shelter for some time.

In addition no current Councillors have volunteered to act as vice chair. It was agreed in January to function without this role filled.

At the recent January meeting, 3 Councillors were in attendance with two apologies for absence received.





**SOUTH WILLINGHAM CHRONICLE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Nigel Spencer (Volunteer Editor); Chris Washer; Dave Nutten; Paul Fuller; Steve Cooney**

**Residents and village organisations are encouraged to get involved by submitting photos, articles, ideas to: [southwillinghamchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:southwillinghamchronicle@gmail.com)**

**NEXT ISSUE: MAY/JUNE 2018**

**WHAT'S ON - PARISH HALL:**

**Pilates.** Every Monday at 2pm

**South Willingham Art Group.**  
First Tuesday of the month

**Reel Issues.** 2nd Tuesday of each month

**Coffee Mornings.** 10.30am 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

**Ballroom and Latin American Dancing.** Fortnightly Wednesday 7-9.30pm. Contact: Paul Fuller 01507 313601

**BIG SPRING CLEAN - ANNUAL VILLAGE TIDY UP**

**Sunday March 4 2018** - village volunteers should meet at the Bus Shelter at 10am. Bin bags and litter pickers will be provided but bring your own gloves and any other protective clothing you desire.



**Christmas 2017**

Photo above (by H.Spencer) shows Carol Singers pictured outside The Anvil doing the rounds in South Willingham on December 19 for charity donation. £288.46 was raised during evening for Myotonic Dystrophy. Photo below (by N.Spencer) captures residents taking their seats in a resplendent St Martins Church for the Carol Service held on December 22. A traditional service of carols and readings were followed by mulled wine and seasonal fare.

**South Willingham Art Group** are once again joining forces with other local artists to exhibit at Gunby Hall near Alford, under the name **BLUESTONE HEATH ART GROUP**. There will be nine artist in all showing a diverse range of work, so something for everyone to enjoy. All paintings are available for purchase on the day. Cheques accepted. March 14-28th 2018 inclusive.



## Parish Council Precept due to be reduced by 33% for 2018/2019

At the November Parish Council Meeting there was a discussion about the level of precept and it was agreed that it was difficult to justify the current amount and that, realistically, it should be reduced. The only additional foreseen expenditure would be the maintenance of the adopted telephone box: upkeep and possible charge for electricity. It was suggested that £200 would cover this. It had been decided not to enter the Best Kept Village competition owing to the lack of interest in the past.

In January those at the meeting approved the reduction in precept to £600 from £900 as SWPC was carrying a generous surplus against projected expenses.

*(extracts from Parish Council minutes)*

### Date of Next Meeting:

**Thursday 22nd March  
at 7 pm - with  
Residents Forum at  
6.50pm**

Lincolnshire County Council is expected to increase council tax by 4.95% in a bid to reduce the impact of lost government funding.

The proposed 4.95% rise includes a general 2.95% council tax rise, which is just under the 3% maximum before the council would have to hold a referendum. Lincolnshire County Council is also able to add a further 2% to the council tax bills to cover its responsibilities in delivering adult social care. Notwithstanding this the revenue raised is nowhere near enough to offset a reduction of £11.2 million in its core funding in 2018-19. In a move designed to relieve financial strain on the council, the proposed budget includes a one-off use of the authority's reserves of just over £14 million. Further significant savings yet to be finalised are also expected. (*Lincolnshire Reporter*).

For the Police, Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones has revealed his proposed budget for this year includes an increase in council tax of 5.8 per cent - and has committed a further £5.3 million of reserves to protect front line policing. ([www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk)).

East Lindsey District Councils draft budget proposes an increase of 3.75% in Council Tax.

Anyone who currently subscribes to the Green Waste collection service will need to re-subscribe by Friday, February 23 to ensure a seamless transition to their new subscription. (*East Lindsey Messenger*)

