

# **STICKNEY NEWS**



**FEBRUARY 2025**

# **St Luke's Church**

## **Services for the Cluster during February at 11.15am**

Sunday 02 February Service of the Word, Stickney

Sunday 09 February Service of the Word, Stickford

Sunday 16 February Holy Communion, Stickney

Sunday 23 February Holy Communion, Stickford

Refreshments are served after each service

**Everyone is welcome to attend any service at either church**

The contact details for Rev Fran Jeffries are:

Tel: 01790 752526

Email: [fran.jeffries@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:fran.jeffries@lincoln.anglican.org)

December was a busy time for St Lukes. The Christmas decorations went up. There were two services held for the Primary school, a Christingle and a Carol Service, as well as two Carol services for the William Lovell Academy. It was so lovely to hear the children sing, recite poems, and show some of the work they had made. Several parents came to hear the children and join in with the carols. There were also our own Carol Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve which were also well attended.

Every Thursday 10.00am -11.00am Coffee Morning



The New Years Eve Dance proved to be a great success - it was a sellout!  
Over 100 people attended, all age groups, all enjoying the music and food.  
Several people commented on how much they had enjoyed it and thanked the  
Stickney Show Committee for arranging it.

The New Year was seen in with the traditional countdown to midnight  
followed by Auld Land Syne.

**A big thank you to all who came and made the evening an enjoyable one**

Happy New Year to everyone  
From the Stickney Show Committee

On the last Thursday of each month the Parish Council Clerk will be available at the coffee morning at St Luke's Church from 10.00am.



**The mobile Post Office**  
will visit Stickney  
in the Youth Centre Car Park  
on  
**Monday's and Tuesday's**  
**10.15am – 11.15am**

### MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Stickney on **THURSDAY'S** at:  
the Youth Centre between 12.00noon and 12.30pm outside William Lovell  
School between 1.15pm and 1.45pm  
and at  
Horbling Lane between 2.00pm and 2.30pm  
**The next visits will be 27 February and 27 March**



Don't forget if any groups would like to apply for a Councillor's grant from the District Councillors for anything, eg: new equipment or repairs to something, please contact

District Councillor Ashton or Jones by email:

[tom.ashton@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:tom.ashton@e-lindsey.gov.uk)

[neiljohn.jones@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:neiljohn.jones@e-lindsey.gov.uk)

for an application form

# Kiddies Corner

## Mini egg cookies

### Ingredients

- 100g caster sugar
- 100g light brown sugar
- 120g unsalted butter, melted
- 1 large free-range egg
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 300g gluten-free plain flour
- ¼ tsp xanthan gum
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 160g mini eggs, crushed
- 80g/3oz milk chocolate chips

Makes 16



### Method

1. Mix the sugars with the melted butter in a large bowl.
2. Add the egg and vanilla extract and continue to mix until fully combined.
3. Mix in the gluten-free flour, xanthan gum, salt and bicarbonate of soda until combined.
4. Add the crushed mini eggs and chocolate chips and give them a good mix in so they are dispersed evenly.
5. Cover the bowl and place in the fridge for 45 minutes.
6. Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5 and line a couple of baking trays with non-stick baking paper.
7. Roll the chilled cookie dough into golf-size balls and place them onto the
8. prepared trays, leaving space between them for spreading. (If your trays are small, you may need to cook them in batches.)
9. Bake for 12–15 minutes until golden and flattened.
10. Remove from the oven and leave to cool for a few minutes on the baking tray before transferring to a cooling rack.

### Recipe tips

You could use regular plain flour and omit the xanthan gum if you don't need these to be gluten-free.

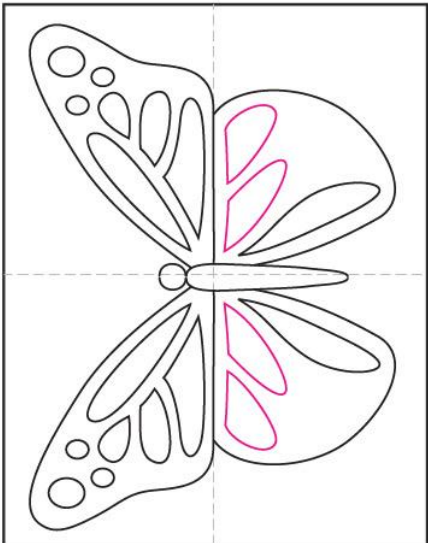
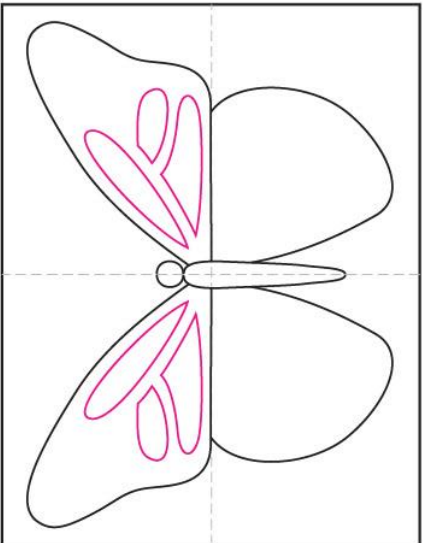
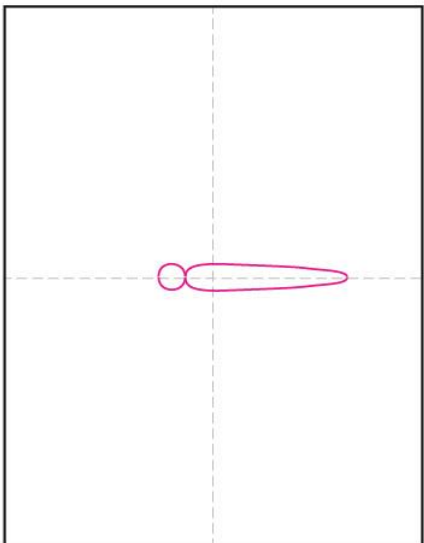
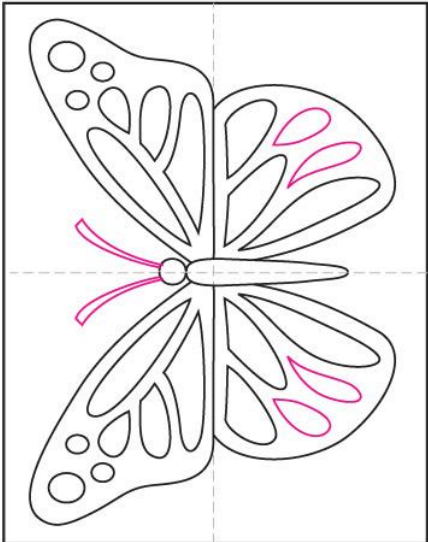
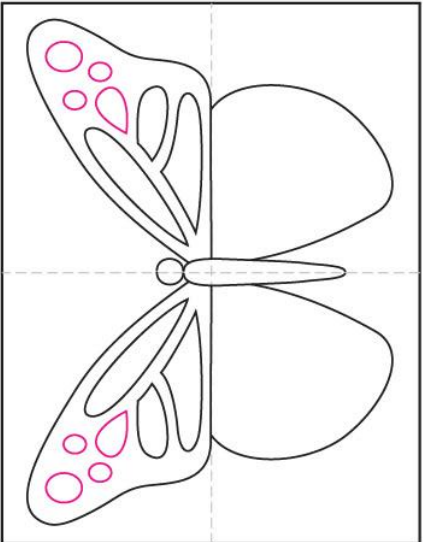
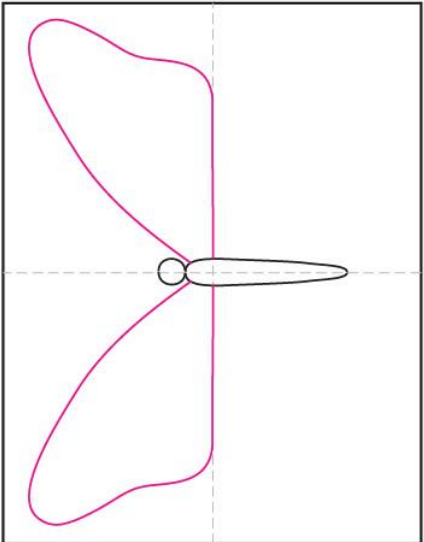
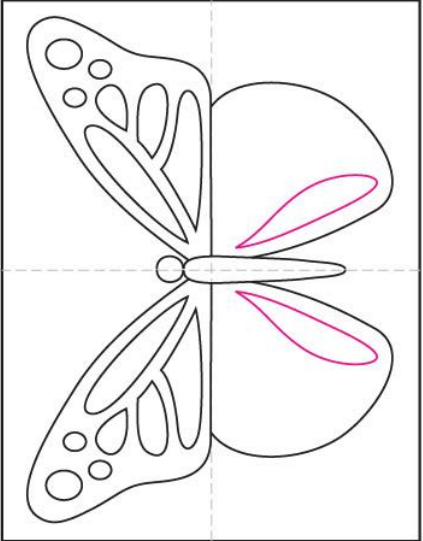
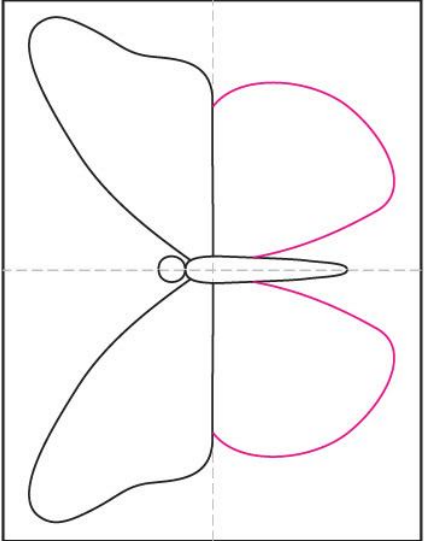
You can freeze the uncooked dough in balls and bake whenever you fancy a mini egg cookie!

# RIDDLES



1. This vehicle is spelled the same from the front as well as from the back. What is it?
2. What has no beginning, end, or middle?
3. You're in a race and you pass the person in second place. What place are you in now?
4. An Uber driver is going the opposite way down a one-way street. He passes five policemen along the way, none of which stops him. Why not?
5. If you have it, you don't share it. If you share it, you don't have it. What is it?
6. You are in a dark room with a box of matches. Nearby are three things: a candle, an oil lamp and a log of firewood. Which do you light first?
7. A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode out on Friday. How was that possible?
8. Tom is younger than Dave but older than Jill. Lou is older than Sally who is older than Tom. Dave is older than Lou. Who is the middle child?
9. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
10. Here's a list of sports: golf, darts, tennis, cricket, football, badminton. Which should come next: archery, boxing, squash, gymnastics, or baseball?

**Draw and Colour the butterflies**



## **INDOOR CAR BOOT**

To be held in the Youth Centre

**Sunday's 23 February and 23 March**

Sellers from 8.30pm

Open to public at 9.00am

Refreshments available: hot drinks, cakes and bacon cobs

**Come along to browse and have breakfast!**

**Everyone is welcome to just pop in and have a look around**

Please contact Tracy Singlehurst on **07704 197453**

or email: [tracyesinglehurst1969@gmail.com](mailto:tracyesinglehurst1969@gmail.com)

**Proceeds to the Stroke Association and Adoption Support**

## **Bingo at Stickney Youth Centre**

on Friday evenings

Doors open 6:45pm eyes down 7.30pm.



## **STICKNEY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Meetings are held in Stickney Village Hall

**7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

This is a friendly group to join, everyone is made very welcome

**Tuesday 25 February**

'Conservation at Gunby Hall grounds'

by Katie Scott the Area Ranger

'Bringing it into our own gardens'

Followed by tea, coffee biscuits and a chat

***New Members are always welcome to join***

## **Gardening Tips for February:**

As I look out of the window it is difficult to imagine any gardening being done anytime soon. The ground is covered in a sharp white frost and while we are promised a break in the weather this coming week, with a return to more average temperatures, the ground will be too cold to allow any germination of seeds. So perhaps it is best to concentrate our energy on any indoor tasks we could be getting on with while also considering planting shallots and onions as the ground becomes workable.

1} Onions. Often planted as sets (small immature bulbs that continue growing once planted) they can also be grown from seed. This makes them less prone to bolting later on in the summer and there's little risk of introducing white rot into the garden. Another benefit is, it is cheaper too! Sow around four to six seeds into a plug or pot and plant out later in clusters about 10 inches each way. Harvest the larger bulb in each cluster first, allowing the remainder to grow on.

2} Shallots. While they too can be started as seeds, it is better to plant as bulbs about 6 inches apart with just the tip showing. These can be planted from late winter.

3} Garlic. If you missed the autumn planting, don't worry. They can be planted outside, unless the soil is frozen. If it is, plant them into pots of potting mix, keep under cover and plant outside once the soil is workable.

4} Broad Beans. Start off in the greenhouse in toilet roll tubes filled with potting mix or root-trainers, if you have them. Keep them in the greenhouse, covering with a protective fleece if frost threatens. Plant them outside once the seedlings reach a couple of inches.

5} Peas. Again, they can be started off in the greenhouse or cold frame. Shield from the weather with sheets of spare glass. This will also keep the mice away.

6} Lettuce. Seeds can be started off in trays which should be kept in a warm place. (A window sill is ideal) then, when large enough to handle, transfer to pots or plugs prior to planting out later in the Spring.

In conclusion, a quote from H Jackson Brown Jnr, the American author who said:

"Remember that children, marriages and gardens,  
reflect the kind of care they get."

**Happy gardening**





# Stickney Church of England Primary School

“LEARN, ENJOY, ACHIEVE”

**Executive Headteacher: Mrs R. Cotton**

Main Road, Stickney, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE22 8AX

**Telephone: 01205 480254**



## At Stickney Church of England Primary School we offer;

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- Excellent Early Years provision
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- Hot nutritious meals cooked onsite in our Tree Tops Kitchen
- Bright and spacious classrooms
- Large attractive grounds with a nature area, growing allotment and peace garden
- Wraparound childcare through our Breakfast and Kids Club (8:00 – 18.00)

**Come and see for yourselves!**

We are conveniently situated on the A16 between Spilsby and Boston.

**Please contact us to arrange a look around *phone 01205 480254 to book in.***

Nursery place enquiries should be made directly to the school.

Online applications for Reception admissions are made through

Lincolnshire County Council

# Relax & Craft

## (Friendly craft club for ladies)



If you are interested in crafts then our Relax & Craft club is the place for you. We are a friendly group that meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Stickford Community Centre from 9.00am to 3.00pm. All crafters welcome, we currently have card makers, beaders, quilters, cross stitchers, knitters and smockers. We also aim to have at least 4 workshops throughout 2025 and provide a warm space during the colder months.

Our club dates for 2025 are :

- 19th February
- 19th March (with workshop)
- 16th April
- 21st May
- 18th June (with workshop)
- 16th July
- 20th August
- 17th September (with workshop)
- 15th October
- 19th November (with workshop)
- 17th December

The cost is **£3.00** per session which includes unlimited hot and cold refreshments and biscuits, these are available all day. We hold a raffle to cover the costs of the refreshments, tickets are 50p a strip. Donations for the raffle prizes are always welcome.

If you would like to arrange a visit please call:

Sharon on 07505494355, Ann on 07787956889 or Karen on 07474933667.

Postcode for Sat Nav—**PE22 8ES**



## William Lovell Church of England Academy

Main Road, Stickney, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE22 8AA

*"The smallest of seeds, when it has grown, is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that birds of the air come and make nests in its branches"*

*Matthew 13:32*

## Why choose William Lovell C of E Academy?

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- Our curriculum inspires every student to fulfil their potential.
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## BOOK YOUR TOUR WITH US TODAY!

- Wednesdays 10am – 11am
- See us in action and stay for a coffee!
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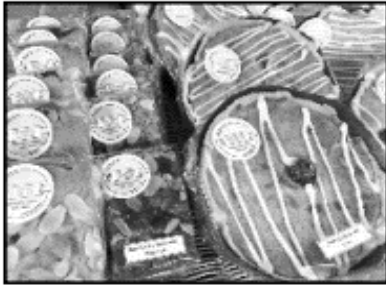
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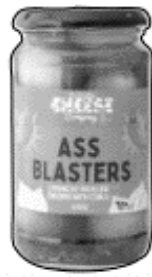
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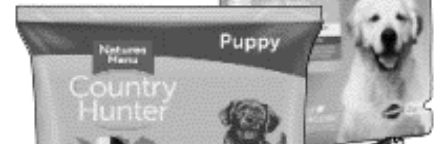
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& Much more



We stock items from over 20+ local small businesses  
**Old Generals Farm, West Fen Lane, Stickney, PE228BY**  
Find us on Facebook or call 07879 195862

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9.30-6pm / Sat 10-4pm / Sun 10-2pm / CLOSED Weds





# Upcoming Events

Pre-loved Sale – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

9am – 2pm

Café Open

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February Thursday Roast – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

£15 per person, unlimited tea & coffee

Food served from 12:30pm – 1:30pm

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Jazz Night – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Doors open at 7.30pm, Music starts at 8pm

Bar open, and food will be available to pre-order soon.

£15 per person

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February Quiz Night – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Quiz Starts At 7:30pm – 10pm

£3pp, Max. 8 people per team

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Bingo Night – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

6:30pm – 10pm

Book tickets online

Bar open, and food will be available to pre-order soon.

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March Thursday Roast – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

£15 per person, unlimited tea & coffee

Food served from 12:30pm – 1:30pm

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Celebrate St Patricks Day in style!

Celtic Folk Fusion Band featuring 3-part vocal harmonies and a wide range of instruments including cajon, fiddle, synth, guitar and Bb cornet

£15pp, Doors open from 7:30pm, Music from 8pm

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Our café is open every Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

Contact us on 07511 162647 , [events@thebeonna.co.uk](mailto:events@thebeonna.co.uk)

To book an event: <https://the-beonna.arttickets.org.uk/>



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If you would like to advertise in the Stickney News please send an email to [stickneypc@aol.com](mailto:stickneypc@aol.com) for more details.

## KEALS CLUB

This meeting is open to everyone over the age of 50  
from all surrounding villages

Coffee/tea and biscuits are provided

**Visitors are always welcome - £2.00**

**At the meeting on 11 February  
Ray Emery and Garry Steele  
will talk about their visits and finds of  
graffiti in the local churches**

Meetings are held in the  
Community Centre, Stickford

### RIDDLE ANSWERS:

- 1 – RACECAR
- 2 – DOUGHNUT
- 3 – SECOND PLACE
- 4 – THE UBER DRIVER WAS WALKING
- 5 – A SECRET
- 6- THE MATCH
- 7 – HIS HORSE IS CALLED FRIDAY
- 8 – SALLY
- 9 - SEVEN
- 10– GYMNASTICS (number of letters in each sport)



<u>WHATS ON IN</u> <u>STICKNEY</u>	Village Hall	Youth Centre	Contact for information
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### Mondays

Dog Training	10.00am - 11.30am		Nikki: 01205 480869
Solas Coffee Morning		10.00am–12.00noon	Suzi: 07901 211220
Pirouette Dance Class		2.00pm – 2.45pm	Tina: 07444 666114

### Tuesdays

Gardening Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month		7.00pm	Soo: 07584 426830
Badminton	7.00pm		Carol: 01205 761154 07786 162369

### Wednesdays

Indoor Bowls	1.00pm - 4.00pm		Clive: 01205 480344
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### Thursdays

Tai Chi		1.30pm – 2.30pm	Sue: 07715 793636
Indoor Bowls	6.30pm – 9.00pm		Clive: 01205 480344
Parish Council Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday each month		7.15pm Public Forum 7.30pm meeting	Clerk: 07466 656980

### Fridays

Bingo		6.45pm for eyes down at 7.30pm	Doreen: 01205 480397
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### Saturdays

East Coast Bird Breeders Auctions (monthly)			Karen: 01507 442763
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## Stickford Ladies Social Circle

The Stickford Ladies Social Circle as formed in 2022 from the old Stickford & District WI. The ladies meet in the Community Centre at 1:30pm every second Monday of the month. The club is looking for **new members**, young and old – **please come along and visit us one afternoon.**

During the year the club has various outings and fund raising events.

At the next meeting on  
**10th February**

David Bruce, who is a Lead Community Connector based in Spilsby will talk on mental health issues and the support given.

## **NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 05 DECEMBER 2024**

There were three members of the public present. The handyman will be asked as to the whereabouts of a key and to confirm what work he carries out in the Churchyard. The glass in the new notice board was discussed. It was confirmed that an alleyway would not appear when a new development is completed at the rear of the properties at Main Road. The application for 46 properties in the village has been refused by ELDC Planning Committee.

**Present:** Cllrs Pocklington, Hopkins, Burton, Sherriff, Pritchard and Edwards (Chairman)

**Also present:** Dist Cllr Ashton

**Apologies:** received from Cllrs Gray and Jones, County Cllr Bowkett and Dist Cllrs Jones

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **Reports from representatives on outside bodies**

#### **County Cllr Bowkett reported by email:**

The puffin crossing only needs the lines painting to finish the work. Other requested road marking will be carried out at a later date. Emergency Planning will be available from LCC. £52m had been released to local drainage boards who will work on flood prevention. The area outside the William Lovell Academy is owned by LCC. A STOP sign will not be sited at the Horbling Lane/A16 junction. 30mph repeater signs will not be sited along Horbling Lane. Issues regarding the slurry sealing of footways has been investigated by LCC. The boss of the workforce on the puffin crossing admitted they had caused the damage to the glass in the defibrillator box, this is now being looked at by LCC.

#### **Dist Cllr Ashton reported:**

The Government is changing the National Planning Policy Framework, this may mean that 655 new properties have to be built in East Lindsey each year – the current number is 450. The ELDC Local Plan up to 2031 will be deemed out of date should the NPPF change. ELDC currently have a 5 year supply of properties, this is adequate, but may have to change with any new plans. There has been no decision on planning at East Fen Lane. The height of a newly built wall at Main Road will be looked into.

### **Planning applications received**

**OBJECTIONS** were made to the following application:

S/169/02506/23 - Steven Layn (Holdings) Ltd - Change of use and alterations to existing buildings to be used under class E, siting of 133 storage containers and erection of 13 micro commercial units, lifting barrier, fencing and hardstanding at The Caravan Centre, Station Business Park, Main Road - *This development is in open countryside and previous objections will be reported again.*

**SUPPORT** was given for the following applications:

**S/169/01735/24** – Nationalgrid - Form B application, Notification of proposed works to replace existing overhead line at Summer Heath Cottage, Main Road

**S/169/01736/24** – Nationalgrid - Form B application, Notification of proposed works to replace existing overhead line at West Fen Meadows, West Fen Lane

**S/203/01776/24** - Mr K Sharpe - Erection of a replacement workshop on the site of an existing workshop and storage container which are to be removed at Peeweess Place, Hagnaby Lock

### **Planning Decisions received**

There were no planning decisions for this meeting

### **Consider purchase of an Interactive Speed Sign**

The grants are not yet available, this will be considered when the criteria for the grant is agreed.

## **Draft Budget for the year ended 31 March 2026**

All Councillors have a copy of the amended draft budget to the year ended 31 March 2026 and following discussion it was resolved that the precept would be set at £32,500, an increase of £7,500 on last year.

## **Play Area**

**DO NOT USE THE LITTER BIN IN THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA  
TO DISPOSE OF ANY DOG BAGS  
USED DOGGY BAGS CAN BE PLACED IN YOUR BLACK BIN**

## **Highways:**

There is a loose grate cover at the bridge on Horbling Lane. One of the new 30mph speed signs has been smashed. The speed camera sign has been twisted around the post. County Cllr Bowkett will be asked if the lay-by can have a restricted parking sign.

**Highway faults and repairs should be reported**

via the

**‘fixmystreet’ app on your mobile phone**

Photos can be taken at the time of reporting

## **The Christmas light switch-on**

The Chairman reported that the recent Christmas event in the Church was attended by around 100 people, again a great success for Stickney. The donations received were split between the Church and the Hundleby Community Choir with each getting £65.00 – thank you for these donations.

## **Improvements to Flood Warning Service – from the Environment Agency**

We are making some improvements to the Flood Warning Service so that it more accurately reflects the risk of flooding around West Fen Catchwater, Stonebridge Drain and lower River Witham main rivers.

This means there will be 29 properties added to the ‘West Fen Catchwater, Stonebridge Drain and lower River Witham’ Flood Warning Area within your Parish. Through the **free** Flood Warning Service, we aim to let people know of any flooding from the main rivers and/or the sea that could affect their home. They can receive the warnings using their preferred combination of text message, mobile, landline and email options. To sign up to the Flood Warning Service people can go online [www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings) or call our **Floodline** directly on **0345 988 1188**.

The changes are happening as a result of information received from Storm Babet and elsewhere. If residents haven’t had the opportunity to share this with us, we would still be grateful for any information and photos to show the date and time that any flooding affected their driveway, garden, garage/outbuildings and/or main property. We would also appreciate details about the depth and source of the flooding. Details can be sent to [frt.lincsandnorthants@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:frt.lincsandnorthants@environment-agency.gov.uk) We always review any Flood Warnings that are issued to see if any changes are needed for the future.

## **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 06 February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Youth Centre, Hall Lane with a Public forum from 7.15pm.

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

### **Parish Councillors:**

Cllr L Edwards (Chairman)	01790 763558
Cllr L Hopkins	07721 068645
Cllr K Jones	07483 898296
Cllr K Sherriff	01205 481261
Cllr N Pocklington	07795 594455
Cllr A Pritchard	01205 481156
Cllr A Gray	Via the Clerk
Cllr J Burton	07977 507360

### **Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mrs E L Arnold Crookes Cottage Wrangle Bank Boston PE22 9DL	<b>NEW NUMBER</b>	07466 656980
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**Parish e-mail address:** [stickneypc@aol.com](mailto:stickneypc@aol.com)

**Parish Website:** [stickney.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://stickney.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

County Councillor:	Cllr Wendy Bowkett	01754 880388
District Councillors:	Cllr Tom Ashton	07812 522372
	Cllr Neil Jones	07577 957392

Police contact details:	Non emergency	101
	Emergency	999

**Email:** [spilsby.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:spilsby.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk)

**Website:** [www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk)

**Twitter:** @SpilsbyPolice

Doctors phone number	01205 480237
Hospital phone number	01205 364801
Stickney Shop	01205 480225
Lilly's Ark – Animal Supplies and Farm Shop	07879 195862
Stickney Primary School	01205 480254
William Lovell Academy	01205 480352
Youth Centre and Village Hall bookings – Mr Gosling	01205 480641