

STICKNEY NEWS



The French Open Tennis starts on 27th May

MAY 2026

St Luke's Church

Services for the Cluster during May at 11.15am

Sunday 03 May	St Luke's, Stickney, Service of the Word
Sunday 10 May	St Helen's, Stickford, Holy Communion
Sunday 17 May	St Luke's, Stickney, Holy Communion
Sunday 24 May	St Helen, Stickford, Service of the Word

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

Every Thursday 10.00am -11.00am Coffee Morning



Repairs to St Luke's

March saw new bell ropes fitted. These will now make the bells easier to ring. Grants were received from East Lindsey Councillors' Community Grant and the Lincolnshire Bellringers Guild.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Every Monday evening

7.00pm in Stickney

Every Tuesday afternoon

2.00pm in New Leake

For more information contact

The Parish Office

01790 752526

There is a varied selection of Books and Jigsaws for sale in Church.

Please pop in and have a browse through the shelves at the back of the Church

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 Thursday's 21 May and 18 June



If anyone has any items or events that you would like considered for advertising, or information for other residents, please email the details, or your advert, to:

stickneypc@aol.com

This should be done by the 12th of the month preceding the event, or when the information is relevant.



Coffee Morning

Thursday 14th May



St Luke's Church



10am – 11am

Tombola

Raffle

Can you spare a few coppers or silver coins, if so please bring them along and help to fill the cross

All the monies raised will go to Christian Aid

Who will Christian Aid Week support this year?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from our partner Beacon of Hope, we can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

This May, we invite you to help mothers living in crowded informal settlements so they can protect their children from hunger and grow a more hopeful future.

Kiddies Corner

Cheezy Broccoli Muffins

Ingredients

- 175g broccoli florets
- 150g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp dried garlic granules
- 1 tsp mustard powder (optional)
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 180ml whole milk
- 50ml olive oil
- 30g Cheddar, coarsely grated



Method

1. Heat the oven to gas 5, 190°C, fan 170°C and line two 12-hole cupcake tins or small muffin tin with 15 cupcake cases.
2. Put the broccoli into a steaming basket set over a pan of simmering water (don't let the water touch the bottom of the steamer) and add a lid. Cook for 5-6 mins or until just tender, then allow to cool.
3. Put the broccoli and all the remaining ingredients into a small blender or food processor and blitz until just combined. Pour equally into the paper cases and bake for 22-25 mins until golden on top and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
4. Allow to cool completely before serving.

Tip: The muffins will keep in the fridge for up to 3 days.

They can also be frozen for 1 month.

LETTER SUDUKO

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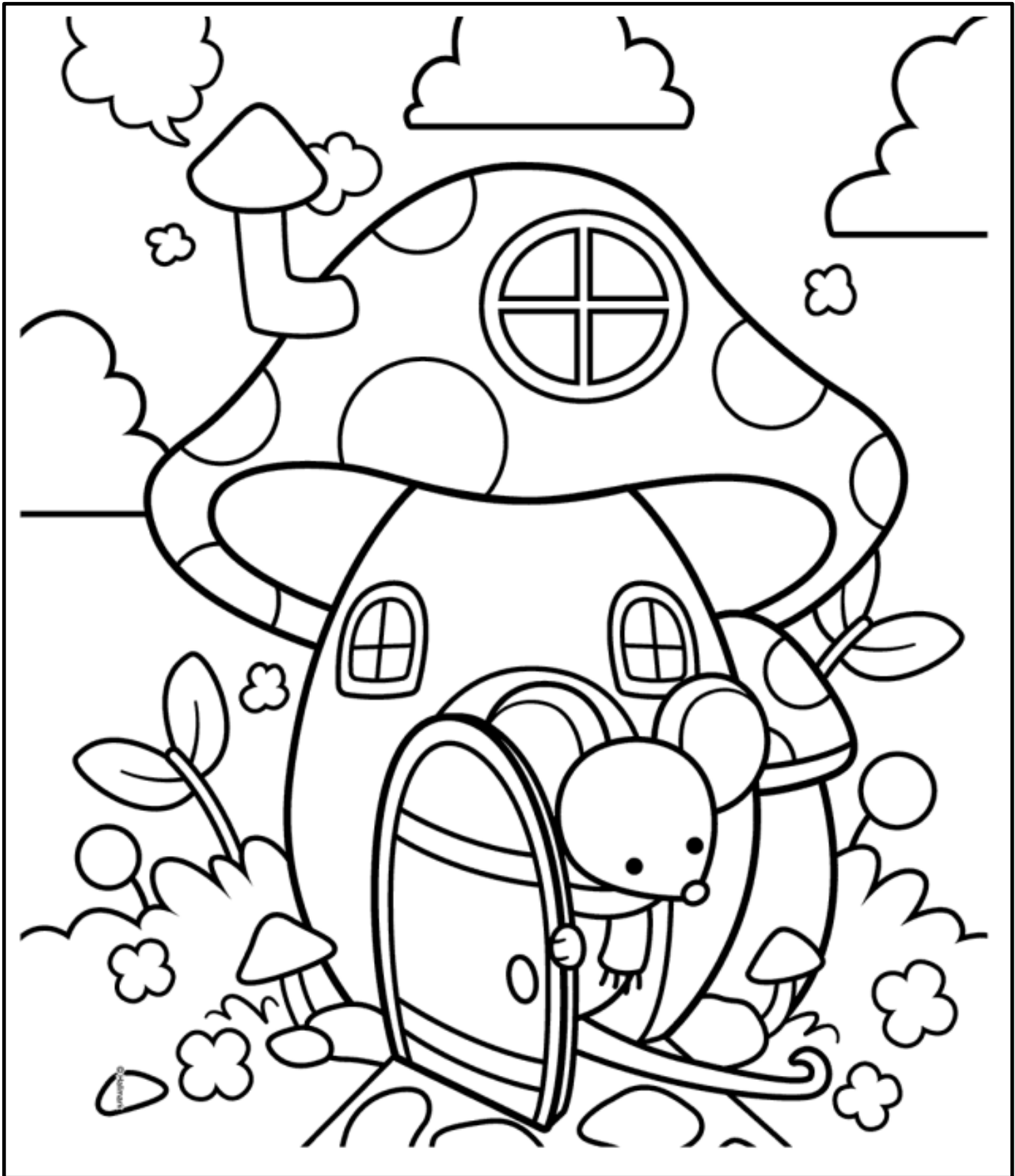
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A Country Mouse House to colour



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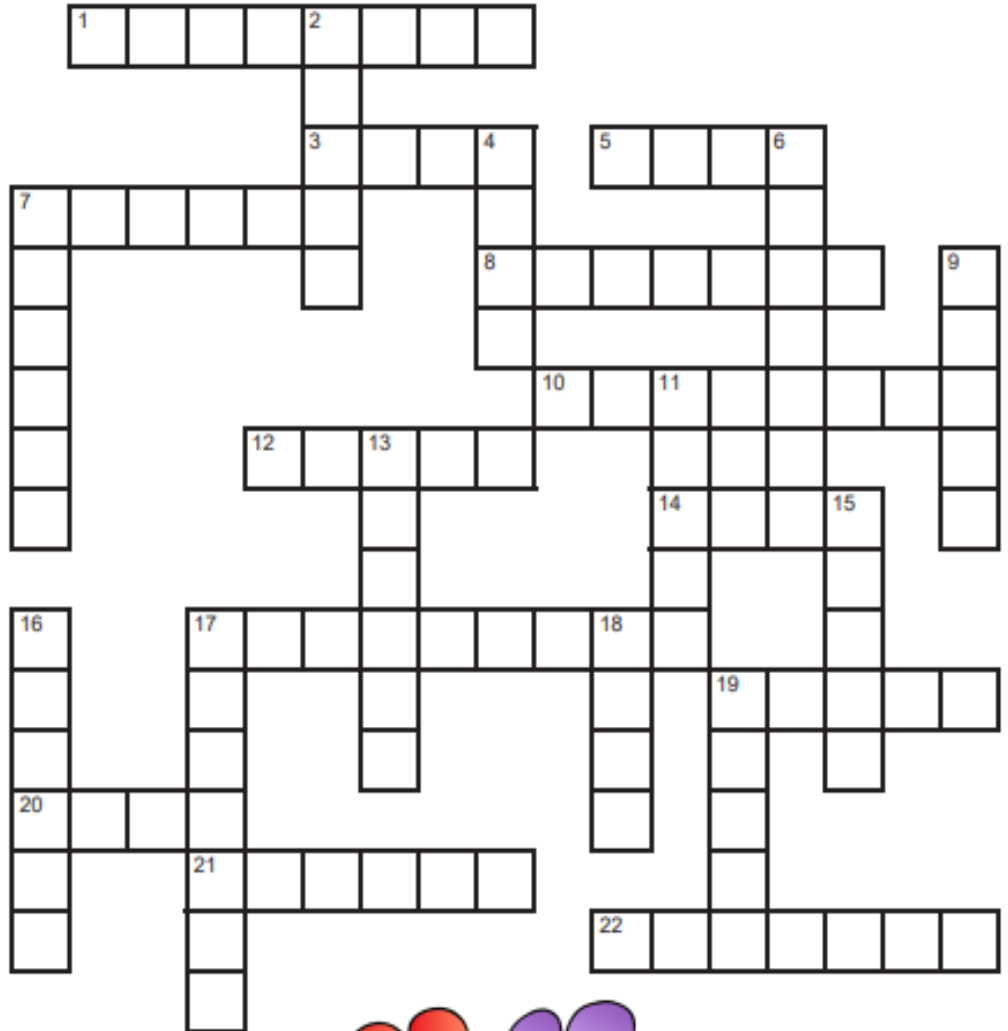
Spring is Here!

Across

1. It warms and brightens everything.
3. Warm up from a freeze.
5. They make honey.
7. Meal in the park.
8. Colorful arc in the sky.
10. It keeps the rain off you.
12. The color of spring grass.
14. Where a bird lives.
17. An adult caterpillar.
19. A baby chicken.
20. What chicks hatch from.
21. It comes after winter.
22. Red insect with black spots.

Down

2. Come out of an egg.
4. Wiggly creature that lives in the ground.
6. Short rainfalls.
7. Small pool of rain.
9. What the lawn is made of.
11. Another name for a rabbit.
13. A spring holiday.
15. Holland is famous for this flower.
16. Just a little wind.
17. Flower on a tree.
18. It is green and on a plant.
19. It might hide the sun.



Bingo at Stickney Youth Centre

on Friday evenings

Doors open 6:45pm eyes down 7.30pm.



KEALS CLUB

The Keals Club is for the over 50's from surrounding villages, everyone is welcome. The club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Stickford Community Centre

Tuesday, 12 May

At this meeting members will enjoy ice creams from Richie's ice cream cart

This will be followed by a picture quiz

Visitors always welcome

STICKNEY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 12 May

Hanging Basket Masterclass

At Westholme Nursery

Meetings are held in Stickney Youth Centre

At 7.00pm

Tuesday 26 May

A wonderful talk by

Neil Timm

“Astride a Garden Fence”

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New guests always welcome



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Stickney Bowls Club



Everyone Welcome
 Season starts April
 Season finishes September
 Open for beginners every Monday from 6pm
 Contact Humphry 07475502760 for more info

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STICKNEY BOWLS CLUB



If there is anyone interested in forming a Croquet club
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Where to find us

Stickney Youth Centre, Hall Lane,
Boston, PE22 8BA

Need urgent help now?

Call 111 select mental health option
In a life-threatening emergency call 999



For more information

Call or WhatsApp our Community Connector. You can also find updates on our social media too.

David Bruce (Lead Community Connector)
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The Bookings Secretary - Mrs B.Gosling

Telephone: 07783 648891

Email: stickneyvillagehall@hotmail.com

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Stickney Youth Centre
Hall Lane
Stickney,
Boston, PE22 8BG

No previous experience required
£8.00 per class. Pay-as-you-go.

Please contact me for more information
and to pre-book.

Sue - 07715 793636

It is advisable to consult your doctor before starting an exercise programme.

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HAPPY CRAFTERS

Ladies Craft Group meet on 4th Tuesday every month
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at Carrington Village Hall - PE22 7HZ

Unlimited Tea, Coffee & Biscuits supplied all day

We are a very friendly & supportive group who, between us, do all sorts of crafts such as patchwork, quilting, knitting, crochet, painting & diamond art to name a few.

New members are always made very welcome, please come along with your craft & join us – bring your packed lunch too!

**For more information please contact:
Mandy on 07817 107323**



STICKFORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

The Ladies Social Circle meet at
Stickford Community Centre
at 1.30pm every second Monday of the month
We enjoy guest speakers, outings and a friendly chat

11th May

With a Flower Arranging workshop

Come along and meet us and enjoy tea and cakes.

Visitors always welcome

Any queries please contact Teresa on 07471 932821



Upcoming Events

Spring Craft Fair – Saturday 2nd May

10am – 2pm

Café Open

Free entry

Car Meet-up – Sunday 3rd May

10am – 2pm

Café Open

Free entry

Pre-loved Sale – Saturday 23rd May

Doors open 10:00am to 1pm

Café Open

Free entry

Airport Alien Theatre – Sunday 31st May

From 2pm, perfect for ages 5 – 11 years

Kids - £9, Adults – 12, Family of 4 - £30

Lance Gold – Soul & Motown – Saturday 13th June

Doors open 7:00pm, music from 8pm

£15pp

Bar open

Northern Soul Night with Martin Topley – 18th July

Doors open 7:00pm, music from 8pm

£10pp

Bar open

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

Contact us on 07511 162647 , events@thebeonna.co.uk

To book an event: <https://benington-community-heritage-trust-the-beonna.yapsody.com/>



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<u>WHATS ON IN 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–12.00	Suzi: 07901 211220
Pirouette Dance Class		2.00pm – 2.45pm	Tina: 07444 666114

Tuesdays

Gardening Club 4 th Tuesday of month		7.00pm	Soo: 07584 426830
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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 st Thursday of 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 Breed- ers Auctions (monthly)			Karen: 01507 442763
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Top ten tips to keep you and your devices secure

Lincolnshire Against Fraud bring you our top ten tips to keep you and your devices secure from fraud:

1. Verify any unexpected contact is genuine by using a known number or email address to contact organisations directly. Is this caller who they say they are? After hanging up, wait five minutes and make sure you can hear a dial tone before making any other calls, or use a mobile phone. Never allow an unsolicited caller remote access to your computer or any of your other devices.

2. Don't be pressurised into sending money. Stop, think, and check with a trusted source or person. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any type of request. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. Have confidence in yourself if it feels wrong to you then it probably is.

3. Use someone you know and trust for shopping and other essentials. Don't hand money over to someone on the doorstep.

4. Authorities like the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) will never ask for any banking details like your password or PIN on the phone or in person. They will never ask for money and you will never be asked to move money to a 'safe account'. Police or banking representatives will never ask you to help in an investigation by moving money or withdrawing funds.

5. Check IDs and get them verified. Genuine officials will be more than happy to wait while you verify their ID.

6. Pick strong passwords. Enable Two Factor Authentication (2FA) on your accounts and devices that offer it, this provides a second layer of security. Create a separate email password. If a hacker gets into your email, they could get into all your accounts that are linked to it. Make sure you have a strong password and make sure it's different to all your others.

Save passwords in your browser. Your internet browser will often give you the option to remember your passwords for you. This is a safe way to store your passwords, helping you to create strong and different passwords without having to remember them all.

7. Be wary of phishing. Don't click on any links or attachments in any unexpected emails.

8. Social Media - for those of you who use social media, make sure that it is set up correctly, review your privacy settings to ensure your profile is appropriately locked down.

9. Use antivirus and ensure you are using the latest version of software, apps and operating systems on your phones, tablets, desktops, and laptops. Update these regularly or set your devices to automatically update so you don't have to worry.

10. Backups - always back up your most important data such as your phones and key documents to an external hard drive and/or to your cloud storage.

#LincolnshireAgainstFraud – joining forces to help protect people in our county from common scams affecting our residents.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 9th May

Stickford Community Centre

Doors open 6:45pm, Quiz at 7:30pm

£4 per person / 4-6 persons per team

Prizes to the winning team

Refreshments available before and midway

You may also bring your own drinks & nibbles

All proceeds to go to the Air Ambulance

Being organised by the

Stickford Defibrillator Group

To enter your team please contact Jennie on

07966 139641

Words used in the Spring Crossword

Word Bank: Bees, Blossom, Breeze, Bunny, Butterfly, Chick, Cloud, Easter, Eggs, Grass, Green, Hatch, Ladybug, Leaf, Nest, Picnic, Puddle, Rainbow, Showers, Spring, Sunshine, Thaw, Tulip, Umbrella, Worm

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 02 APRIL 2026

There was one member of the public present. Questions were asked about the precept increase and why most of the money is spent on the cemetery and churchyard. Explanations were given and it was noted that, other than the play area, there are no other major responsibilities or upcoming projects for the Parish Council. Residents should be aware that they can come to the Parish Council meetings and put any suggestions to the Councillors for consideration.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Boseley and Jones

Also present: Dist Cllrs Jones and Ashton

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Dist Cllr Jones reported:

The new bins for food waste are slowly being delivered, there will be five waste bins altogether. There will be a fine of £400 for placing items in the wrong bin. There is information regarding Warm Homes on the ELDC website. Grants will be available for some residents, but there will be free advice for those who are not eligible for grants.

Dist Cllr Ashton reported:

Nothing has been received from the planning officer regarding a caravan site. Some flooding issues to the rear of properties at Horbling Lane are possibly due to the dyke not being kept clear by the land owner. Information regarding the Local Government Reorganisation should be finalised in July this year.

Planning applications received

00283/26/RVC - Erin Lakes - Section 73 application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) previously imposed on planning application permission reference S/120/000965/23 for the erection of a restaurant and bar at Greenacres Farm, Midville Road - **SUPPORT**

03450/25/FUL - Mr H Hiley - Relocation of previously approved use of siting a mobile home to rear of Station Business Park and relocation of the currently established and approved use of land at the rear of Station Business Park to land adjacent ACD Premises, Main Road (to include creation of additional hardstanding for parking and for sale and display of caravans, American trailers and modular (mobile home) buildings (work commenced) at Station Business Park, Main Road – **NO COMMENTS**

Planning Decisions received

No planning decisions have been received.

Community Speedwatch update

Three sites have been chosen in the village at Horbling Lane, Hall Lane and Main Road. These now have to be approved by LRSP. No equipment will be ordered until the sites have been approved.

Cemetery update - works ordered to be carried out

All works are now complete. A letter has been received from the Bolingbroke Deanery with regard to issues concerning communication with the PCC regarding the works, the siting of equipment by the contractors and lack of a faculty to re-surface existing footway, this was read out to the Councillors present. A reply was outlined and the contractors will be contacted regarding a matter reported about treatment of a volunteer at the Church.

Play Area

The new bins have arrived and will be placed in the play area in due course. The existing bins will be re-sited in the play area for cans only and one in the cemetery by a bench.

Highways:

Holmes Road potholes have been filled – an email has been sent with photos showing that they have not all been done. Some works have been carried out at Midville Lane.

Parking on the pavements is an issue in some areas of the village residents with scooters, pushchairs and wheelchairs need to stay on the pavements – **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AND DO NOT PARK ON THE PAVEMENTS.**

**Highway faults and Public Footpath issues
should be reported**

via the

'fixmystreet' app on your mobile phone

Photos can be taken at the time of reporting

If possible use the What3Words app

to give an exact location

**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**

Dogs should never be in the play area – read the signs!

Picnic Area

The drains at the picnic area are blocked beyond the land owned by LCC and no further investigation could take place due to a locked gate. The bridge will be removed and replaced with a culvert when the weather dries up for works to begin – the work should be completed by 15 May. In the next two years the trees will be thinned out to allow remaining trees to mature.

Possible site for a bus shelter at Main Road

A landowner may be willing to have a bus shelter on his land, but sizes for the shelter are required. ELDC will be contacted with regard to planning permission. A bus shelter must be chosen before the grant application form can be completed.

Date of next meeting

07 May 2026 at 7.30pm Meeting with a Public Forum, where residents can attend to report issues to the Parish Council or ask questions about issues in the village, from 7.15pm at the Youth Centre, Hall Lane

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 09 APRIL 2026

There were 18 Members of the public present.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2025 were ready out and it was resolved that they could be signed as a true record.

The Chairman read out the annual report to parishioners:

“On behalf of Stickney Parish Council I would like to thank everyone for attending this evening. We all look forward to listening to the talk by Sharon Hall, about fraud and how to keep ourselves safe.

The Parish Council is proud to represent the local community. We hold a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month (except January and August) at 19.30 to discuss a varying agenda which is published beforehand on the Parish Council website and displayed in the village notice boards. Before the meeting there is a public forum from 19.15 for parishioners to come along and ask questions or give suggestions for the village. There is also the opportunity to speak to higher tier local government representatives. Issues such as highways and public footpaths can be raised to the County Councillor and there is always a District Councillor present who can discuss matters such as planning. The Parish Council can give comment on a villager’s behalf if unable to attend.

Other key responsibilities of the Parish Council include maintaining public assets. In Stickney these are the cemetery, the closed churchyard, the play area, the defibrillators, benches, village notice board and bus shelters. We aim to enhance community wellbeing through facilitating voluntary litter picking and organising village events such as the Christmas Light Switch-on and this evenings Public Meeting.

The Parish Council is notified of planning applications by the District Council. We are able to comment on these by giving feedback received from parishioners.

So, this brings me to 2025-2026, what have the Parish Council been up to?

Well, as touched on we had a wonderful Christmas Light turn on at the beginning of December. There was a large turnout again, the church was full of people. The Hundleby Choir set a lovely festive atmosphere singing several carols. The Parish Councillors provided food, hot and cold drinks and mulled wine. The churchyard was illuminated with beautiful lights throughout December. A large Christmas tree was donated by a friend of the village. The lights were put up by a team including Jeremy, Eddie and Councillor Nicola. A special thank you is given to Andy Bushell for making the Christmas tree stand and then rescuing the tree just days after erection due to it being blown over in a storm.

The established flower beds in the village are looking beautiful, and there is a new project outside William Lovell Academy gates due to start soon adding more colour to the village. Further flower beds are being made.

The tarmac footpaths have been re-surfaced in the churchyard due to them being in a poor state of repair. There has been tree work done and new posts and chains put in place around the Garden of Remembrance.

We are having new bins installed in the play area. There is a new base being laid under the bench at the end of Horbling Lane to allow easier use particularly in winter months when the area can become muddy. We are also making enquiries into buying and positioning a new bus shelter in front of the lorry yard on the A16.

Following public feedback, the Parish Council are setting up a 'Community Speed Watch' programme, lead by Councillor John. Six volunteers will be seen on the streets with speed tracking devices to aim to deter the fast-driving vehicles passing through Stickney.

We have employed a Handyman to keep the village clean and tidy. We have already seen a difference in the areas focused on so far.

Teddy the Parish Council Clerk works hard producing the Stickney News magazine every month giving key information for the villagers.

Councillors Liz and Nicola did an amazing job surveying all the public footpaths around and through the village. They reported back to the Rights of Way Officer and since then signs have been cleaned and brambles and debris cleared from footpaths and bridges. I am pleased to report the bridge and culvert work at the picnic area where there has been ongoing flooding is due to be completed by 15 May.

There are a few thank you's to be made. Firstly, to the Parish Councillors who turn up come rain or shine to every meeting and event. This is a voluntary job and we do this as we want to help the local community. Councillor Keith is currently working on a Neighbourhood Plan which is a huge piece of work which will hopefully benefit us all. Thank you to the residents who support us every week, many behind the scenes. They perform jobs such as litter picking, delivering the village magazine, winding the church clock, those who attended the training and will be providing the Community Speed Watch programme. The Gardening Club do a superb job of maintaining the flower beds and pots around the village. It is safe to say there is an amazing community spirit in the village of Stickney.

On a final note, I would like to say a big thank you to Teddy the Parish Council Clerk. For those of you who were not aware Teddy announced her forthcoming retirement in August of this year. She has done this job for the last 25 years and has seen many changes. We are grateful for the support she has provided to all councillors who have served on Stickney Parish Council and for the work carried out for the village over the years. We wish you a very happy retirement."

Sharon Hall, Fraud Officer for Lincolnshire Police, gave a presentation on Fraud and how criminals work. It was very interesting and everyone present learned something about how to try and prevent themselves becoming a victim of fraud.

All fraud, even suspected fraud, should be reported: texts should be forwarded to **7726** (spells SPAM on your phone keypad). **NEVER** click on a link in a text that you are not expecting.

If you get a call on your mobile that says 'suspected spam' then it will be spam – please click on report as the number will already be on the Report Fraud radar and the click will help stop the criminals.

Phishing emails should be reported/sent to www.ncsc.gov.uk (NCSC stands for National Cyber Security Centre). Again **NEVER** click on links you are not sure of in any email.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud contact your bank immediately and report it to Report Fraud at www.reportfraud.police.uk or call **0300 123 2040**.

Check your passwords – NEVER use the same one all the time, if one gets found out then everything can be accessed. It was suggested that three words together could be used for one password – some of the letters could be uppercase and some lowercase then some letters could be changed to numbers:

For example: **FootSockShoe?** or **f00tSock5hoe?** or **Fo0t50ckshoe?** or **Foots0cksh0e?**

Replacing some letter with numbers or special characters – even those above the numbers 5 (%) and (0) in this example makes the list a lot longer and almost impossible to crack the passwords. There are also secure password banks on your devices to save them for you so you do not need to remember them all.

Everyone who attended the talk learned something new and hopefully will be able to protect themselves from Fraud in the future.

Following the meeting refreshments, provided by the Parish Councillors, were served, giving attendees a chance to speak to the Councillors, to Sharon or just to each other.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCIL CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER/PROPER OFFICER OF THE COUNCIL

If anyone is interested in applying for the position of Clerk to Stickney Parish Council please email:

clerk@stickneyparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information.

The position is to deal with all the admin, accounts and policies for the Parish Council. Stickney Parish Council also produce the monthly Stickney News.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, except in January or August, as per the Standing Orders.

The Stickney Clerk is also responsible for keeping the cemetery in order and the cemetery books up to date, including dealing with funeral directors when necessary. The Churchyard is 'closed' and is also the responsibility of the Parish Council, as is the Church Clock.

Knowledge of which Council is responsible for other issues in the village would be helpful, but is not necessary.

For further information please email the Clerk who will have a job description regarding the administration of a Parish Council.

The Role of the Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk is employed by the Parish Council (under section 112 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972) to provide administrative support for the council's activities. The Clerk to the Parish Council will be the Proper Officer of the Council and as such is under a statutory duty to carry out all the functions, and in particular to serve or issue all the notifications required by law of a local authority's **Proper Officer**. 'Proper officer' is a title used in statute. It refers to the appropriate officer for the relevant function. In parish councils, the proper officer is normally the clerk. In financial matters, the proper officer is known as the **Responsible Financial Officer**. The Parish Clerk's primary responsibility is to advise the parish council on whether its decisions are lawful and to recommend ways in which decisions can be implemented. To help with this, the Clerk may be asked to research topics of concern to the council and provide unbiased information to help the council to make appropriate choices. The Clerk must recognise that the Parish Council is responsible for all decisions and that he/she takes instructions from the Parish Council as a body. The Clerk is not answerable to any individual councillor - not even the Chairman. The Council must be confident that the Clerk is, at all times, independent, objective and professional. The Clerk is expected to advise the Council on, and assist in the formation of, overall policies to be followed in respect of the Authority's activities and in particular to produce all the information required for making effective decisions and to implement constructively all decisions. The Clerk is accountable to the Council for the effective management of all its resources and will report to them as and when required. The Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer and responsible for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances. **Specific Responsibilities**

- 1.** To ensure that statutory and other provisions governing or affecting the running of the Council are observed.
- 2.** To monitor and balance the Council's accounts and prepare records for audit purposes and VAT.
- 3.** To ensure that the Council's obligations for Risk Assessment are properly met.
- 4.** To prepare, in consultation with appropriate members, agendas for meetings of the Council and Committees. To attend such meetings and prepare minutes for approval.
- 5.** To attend all meetings of the Council and where specifically requested meetings of its committees and sub-committees.
- 6.** To receive correspondence and documents on behalf of the Council and to deal with the correspondence or documents or bring such items to the attention of the Council. To issue correspondence as a result of instructions of, or the known policy of the Council.
- 7.** To receive and report on invoices for goods and services to be paid for by the Council and to ensure such accounts are met. To issue invoices on behalf of the Council for goods and services and to ensure payment is received.
- 8.** To study reports and other data on activities of the Council and on matters bearing on those activities. Where appropriate, to discuss such matters with administrators and specialists in particular fields and to produce reports for circulation and discussion by the Council.
- 9.** To draw up both on his/her own initiative and as a result of suggestions by Councillors proposals for consideration by the Council and to advise on practicability and likely effects of specific courses of action.
- 10.** To monitor the implemented policies of the Council to ensure they are achieving the desired result and where appropriate suggest modifications.
- 11.** To act as the representative of the Council as required.
- 12.** To issue notices and prepare agendas and minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting. To give a financial report to the APM.
- 14.** To attend training courses or seminars on the work and role of the Clerk as and when required.

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