

**Lincolnshire County Council LCC  
North Kesteven District Council NKDC**

**MAY 2014**

**News from your local, Independent  
Councillor,**

**MARIANNE OVERTON MBE**

**Congratulations**

Tireless local organisers have done a fantastic job fund-raising and planning, with the result of some terrific grants won this month, though not all yet public; Branston Skatepark announced their success with £10,000 from the Armed Forces grant and £50,000 from Wren, enabling them to make a start, so that Branston will have an excellent facility for our young people.

**Business Networks**

A few of us started a network in Branston, which is working well with shared marketing and encouraging people to buy locally. Starting a business can seem a tough call. The networks are designed to support each other and encourage more people to buy local. We have joint events with our new sister network in Bracebridge Heath.

Come along on the last Thursday monthly 6-7pm at the Branston Waggon and Horses.

**Navenby Business Network**

If you have a small business and you are in Navenby or the Cliff Villages, Leadenham to Harmston, please contact me, David Clarke of dbs marketing or Alan Odling, or just come along to our first networking event and meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, May 27<sup>th</sup> in the Lion and Royal at 6pm for one hour.

**Planning**

An application to build on the field outside Branston was refused by NKDC and appealed. It has now been refused by the Inspector, but with a suggestion to come back with further details. That is not good news for us. The National Planning Policy Framework is deliberately loose, expecting Councils to put their own restrictions on development underneath the framework. Sadly, the politically-driven Core strategy was dismissed by the Inspector and the replacement won't be ready until 2016.

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Congratulations to George and Eileen Moulds on 60 years marriage

We need a balance of business and jobs driving the money for services, and the right number of houses with better roads, health and schools: All without damaging the very things we love about rural Lincolnshire.

1,450 new dwellings were given permission at Sleaford, with some infrastructure but not enough, nor on-going resources. Despite some improvements offered, traffic calculations show that the extra housing will clog 3 further junctions, making Sleaford impossible at peak times. Only 10% instead of the usual 35% of housing is expected to be "affordable". Applications for wind turbines are also arriving in number, the biggest being in our open fen.

New plans showing many new sites put forward by developers seeking permission for thousands more houses will soon be public. (Search on "Central Lincolnshire SHLAA")

Independents are fighting for balance and against this headlong party political drive for "growth", where we cannot afford it.

**Health**

From May 8<sup>th</sup> consultation on dramatic changes to our health service begins in Lincolnshire. The idea is to have local centres that can diagnose and provide a core offer of urgent services, reducing the need for hospital stays. A formal 3-month consultation from September is planned.

**Our Hospitals Inspected**

The CQC Inspectors have been out in number this week, asking local opinion on our hospital service. They are looking for improvements following their visit last year. I attended the public consultation in Grantham.

**Welbourn Neighbourhood Plan**

Welbourn is one of the first Parishes to produce a plan. Easy to find on the web and comments are welcome following first consultation.

## School Governors

All schools need good support, especially our smaller, local schools. Would you like to help as a school governor? Coleby is currently on the lookout. You can really make a huge difference. Do let me know or ring 01522 553240 [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/governor](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/governor)

## House Security

I am delighted to hear that North Kesteven is in the top two most crime free places in the country. We have fought to get proper policing and we now have a first class neighbourhood team. To keep it that way, we need to keep our full policing team, working closely with a supportive community. The police offer a free home security check. Ring 101, the police non-emergency number.

## Speed Limits

I am working on the speed limit policy for Lincolnshire and whilst we are about it, our group has recommendations for enforcement and reducing congestion. We have introduced new mobile speed limit reactive sign that groups of Parish Councils can purchase. It has been successfully trialled in Ancaster. The study completes in a month.

## European Elections

This is not the referendum on whether we should be in or out. This is about who will best represent what we want in the EU. We will get 5 representatives to cover our area, the East Midlands. Parties have put their candidates in order of preference. The number elected from each party depends entirely on their proportion of the vote. It is important.

## Help save lives and keep countryside clean

Report Potholes	01522 782070
Report Litter	01529 414155
Adult Concern	01522 782151
Non urgent	Health 111, Police 101

I hope you find this newsletter of interest. You can get more frequent snippets by following me on twitter #overtonMarianne or facebook.

**With Very Best Wishes,**  
*Marianne*

**Councillor Marianne Overton MBE**

**Thank you**

Thank you to the many organisers who work so hard and willingly to make our rural villages great places to live: To the Welbourn team for refurbishing the tennis courts. Also to teams in Leadenham and Welbourn for getting defibrillators at the village halls, after substantial fund-raising and support. And to all of our villagers involved in the Food Bank Cycle-ride with James Frost and in the Lincoln 10K, raising funds for our local charities.

## Some May Events

5<sup>th</sup> Navenby May Day Event @The Venue 12-4pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Dunston Village Hub Market in the Vill. Ha. 2-4pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Potterhanworth litter pick. From the Memorial 10am  
11<sup>th</sup> Tango Music on guitar and piano Alvarado and Claudio Constantini @ The Venue, Navenby £12 on the door or from Navenby News 7pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting Harmston,  
12<sup>th</sup> Potterhanworth St Andrews Coffee morning 10-11.15am  
14<sup>th</sup> Coleby Coffee Morning 10.30am  
14<sup>th</sup> Navenby Coffee Morning at the Venue, Navenby  
14<sup>th</sup> U3A Wellingore Mem' Ha. 10am  
14<sup>th</sup> Mrs Smiths Cottage AGM  
15<sup>th</sup> Boothby Parish Meeting in the Church 7.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Navenby coffee morning for St Barnabus, Meth' Church 10.30am  
17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Artists of Navenby in St Peters' 11am-4pm  
17-18<sup>th</sup> Cliffside Players Well' Mem' Ha. The Timothy Vyle Show "Who's the daddy?" 01522 811117 2pm, 7.30  
18<sup>th</sup> Nocton Spring Lunch in Vill Ha. In aid of repairs to All Saints, Church £8 from Ann 01526 322739 from 12.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Woodland explore and BBQ Lunch in Ben Light's wood, Ancaster. WK Wildlife Watch 10am  
22<sup>nd</sup> Elections for Europe and Lincoln City (1/3) 7am-10pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Navenby Archaeology Group Conservation of artifacts 7.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dunston Chaple Lunch Club Noon  
24<sup>th</sup> Leadenham Car Boot Sale am  
25<sup>th</sup> Harmston Big Breakfast 10am  
29<sup>th</sup> Branston Biz at Branston Waggon and Horses 6pm

## June

1<sup>st</sup> Navenby Coffee Morning 10.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Nocton Picnic in the Park noon  
1<sup>st</sup> Harmston Concert village hall 19.45  
5<sup>th</sup> Central Lincolnshire new local plan launch Eastgate Hotel 2.30-7.30pm  
7/8<sup>th</sup> Navenby Open Gardens 11am-5pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Dunston Summer Fete  
7/8<sup>th</sup> "Lunch on the Edge" at Hilltop Farm, Welbourn £15 Funds to local charities and Africa

## A few recent events



Harmston talent event raised £500 for the hall, Gill, Steve, Asif, Alan, Margaret and the two Kates



Great BBQ from Carolyn and Cam at the Nocton Beer Fest and below, McMillan fund-raiser Fiona Goldsby and I having fun at the Beer Fest



The Hot Potato Syncopators at Leadenhall Village Hall were brilliant.



Brilliant new book of lively short stories from Rosemary King, out now £6, funds to Harmston Village Hall



Some objectors to 23 150m (487ft) Swedish Turbines in open fenland, Nocton, Bardney and Branston. A first presentation was made to NKDC. Geoff Ward being interviewed on radio.



Osbourneby Ward by-election hotly contested by Lincolnshire Independent, Fay Cooper Greenfield allocated for around 1,450 dwellings 3 days afterwards by NKDC, a vote which included the new incumbent.