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Do you care about Lilford, Wigsthorpe, Thorpe
Achurch?

Do you want to do something positive
for your community?

Can you think, listen and act locally?

Elections to Lilford, Wigsthorpe, Thorpe
Achurch Parish Council
will be held on 7 May 2020*

Why not consider becoming a Councillor?

To find out more please visit

<http://www.lwta-parishcouncil.org.uk/>

Or contact the Clerk
parishcouncilforlwta@gmail.com

*Applications must be submitted by 8 April 2020

LILFORD WIGSTHORPE THORPE ACHURCH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

ELECTION SPECIAL!!

Dear Residents,

Please find in this newsletter information about the Parish Council Elections which will be taking place on Thursday May 7th 2020 – this is your opportunity to put yourself forward to represent your community. Any resident can apply if they fulfil the following criteria:

You are over 18, on the electoral register, and have lived, worked, owned or tenanted property in the area for at least the past 12 months.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs. Nicki Phillips by email: parishcouncilforlwta@gmail.com.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Lilford Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish Council has 6 councillors and meets bi-monthly (January, March, May, July, September, November, on the second Tuesday of the month, in The Upper Room of The Fox Inn, Thorpe at 8pm – members of the public are more than welcome at all meetings.

Currently your Parish Councillors are:-

Mr. Shaun Moffat (Chair)

Mr. Tim Bird (Vice Chair)

Mr. Terry Barcham (Highways & Rights of Way)

Mr. Tracy Wright

Ms. Linda Saunders

Mr. Justin Clarke

County Councillor Wendy Brackenbury and Ward Councillor Geoff Shacklock are in attendance at most meetings to bring us up to date on issues that affect us and to offer support and advice when needed.

The Parish Council would like to thank The Fox Inn for the use of The Upper Room for council meetings.

WHO DOES WHAT?

Parish Council Responsibilities - it can be confusing to know which council is responsible for what services in the village.

Parish and town councils are part of local government in Northamptonshire together with Northamptonshire County Council and East Northants District Council. Each is responsible for different things.

Your Parish Council is responsible for: seats and benches, the village noticeboards, the telephone kiosks, Thorpe village sign, and the Achurch war memorial.

The District Council is responsible for local services including housing, local planning, environmental health and refuse collections.

The County Council is responsible for strategic services such as highways, education, libraries, social services, strategic planning and refuse disposal.

Highway problems - if you wish to report problems such as potholes, overgrown verges, or problems with footpaths, you can report on line at: **fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk**. Problems with the yellow grits bins should also be reported to NCC but issues concerning the red bin at Lilford must be reported to the Clerk.

WHAT LWTA PC ACHIEVED DURING 2019

PLANNING – commented on various planning application taking residents views into consideration.

HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY – approached landowners where footpaths have become overgrown. Reported potholes and other damage to NCC FIX MY STREET. Lobbied NCC to prevent vehicle impacts damaging the Aldwinckle Road bridges.

ACHURCH – currently liaising with St John's Church on possible repairs to the Lych Gate. Laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the community on the war memorial on Remembrance Day.

LILFORD – currently supporting residents with their aim of installing a defibrillator. Passed on residents' concerns re Lilford Hall to ENC and Historic England resulting in site visits and reassurance about the condition of the building.

THORPE – successfully lobbied ENC to provide a litterbin for the southbound A605 layby to help prevent rubbish being left on the ground and thrown over the neighbouring wall.

WEBSITE

Please visit the Parish Council website where a great deal of information can be found including all meeting agendas and minutes, copies of our policies and procedures, and financial information. This can be found at: <http://www.lwta-parishcouncil.org.uk>. Copies of the meeting agendas and minutes are also posted onto the noticeboards.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

For any queries concerning the Parish Council please contact the Clerk on: **parishcouncilforlwta@gmail.com**.

VOLUNTEER ACTION - www.volunteeractionoundle.org.uk

Volunteer Action provides a car scheme for those who cannot access public transport and can take you to many of the places you would like to go – not just the hospital and doctor's surgery but also shopping, to the hairdresser, to visit friends etc.

We also run a befriending service of volunteers willing to come out & chat regularly. Our aim is to help improve your well-being and how you define that is largely down to you.

Our opening hours for these services are Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12.30 The phone number for all our services is 01832 275433 or by email at **admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk**.

A representative from Volunteer Action will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday May 12th and will be able to answer any questions you may have about this service.

