

Present Councillors: contact details are listed below. We also have a vacancy for two parish councillors and if you are interested you should apply in writing to the parish clerk.

Councillor:	Contact Tel Number:
Mrs. K. Elliott (Clerk) Clerk.twtpc@gmail.com	01507 581101
Cllr. S. Coulber	01526 343919
Cllr. Mrs. B. Harvey OBE	01526 342382
Cllr. R Tracy	
Cllr. N Edwards	
Cllr. Mrs. G. Shaw	01526 342509
Cllr. N. Leggate	01526 342275
Cllr. R Singleton Cragg	01526 348312
Cllr. N Langley	01526 343644
Cllr. N Brown (Chairman)	01526 344858
Cllr. A Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	
Cllr Mrs H Kay	01526 348404
Cllr. Mrs. C. Dawson (RFO)	01526 343400
County Councillor: Mr T Ashton	01205 870300
District Councillor: Mr. S. Avison	01526 342846
District Councillor: Mr. M. Foster	
District Councillor: Ms. A Flitcroft	

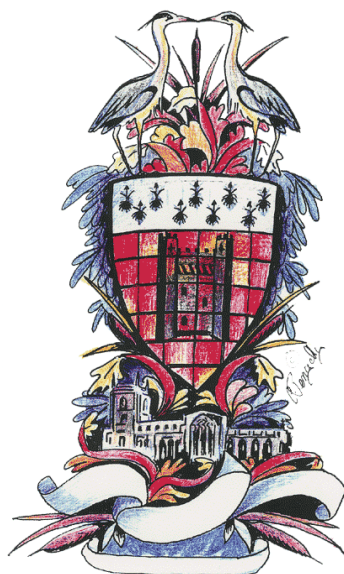
Finally: Parish Council meetings are held monthly (except August and January) at Tattershall Village Hall, Lodge Road, starting at 7.15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. There is always a public session so that anyone can speak about issues which concern them. The Council is there to deal with day to day matters in our two parishes, and we are consultees with both East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council on major issues. So, if you have anything you wish to be discussed by the Council, please submit details in writing to the Clerk: Mrs. K Elliott, Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council, Lapwater Cottage, Louth Road, West Ashby, LN9 5PS

e-mail: clerk.twtpc@gmail.com

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Tattershall with Thorpe

Parish Council



ANNUAL REPORT

2017 - 2018

The time has come once again to let you know what has been happening with Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council over the past year. Councillor Mr. N Brown was elected as Chairman and Councillor Mr. A Fletcher was elected as Vice Chairman. The parish council consists of 15 councillors 11 who represent Tattershall and 4 who represent Thorpe and we currently have a vacancy for 2 councillors.

Following our AGM your Parish Council Committees members for 2018 – 2019 are:

Finance & General Purposes Committee	Planning Committee	Public Amenities Committee
Mrs Shaw Mrs Dawson (RFO) Mr Tracy Mr Coulber Mr Brown (C) Mr Fletcher (VC) Mr Edwards	Mrs Shaw Mr Tracy Mr Coulber Mr Brown (C) Mrs Harvey Mrs Kay Mr Fletcher (VC) Mr Edwards Mr Langley Mr Adams	Mr Coulber Mr Brown (C) Mrs Kay Mr Leggate Mr Fletcher (VC) Mr Adams

Tree Wardens: Mrs. Helen Eke & Mrs Helen Kay are the parish Tree Wardens. If you would like to raise any matter regarding trees in the parish, do please contact the parish clerk. The Tree Wardens carry out an annual inspection of all the trees under our jurisdiction.

Community Emergency Volunteers: The Council is pleased to have a team of dedicated Community Emergency Volunteers (formerly flood wardens), who are there to keep a close eye on the ever changing British weather. If you are interested in joining the team or would like to know more please contact the parish clerk.

Finance: The Finance Committee meets in the autumn to set the budget for the following year and any requests for donations from residents and community groups within the parish are considered. In the financial year to 31/3/2018. the Council is pleased to have been able to make grants and donations of over £550.50, distributed to local organisations and charities. Should you wish the Council to consider funding local charities or projects which are for the benefit of the community please contact the Clerk or any parish councillor for an application form. A full breakdown of the council accounts is included on page 3 of this report.

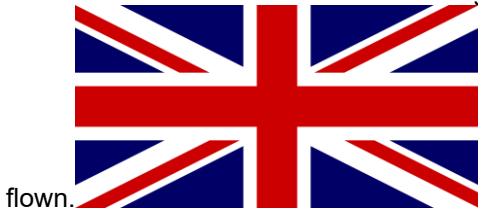
**LOCAL COUNCILS IN ENGLAND AND WALES ANNUAL
RETURN**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

SECTION 1 – THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	YEAR ENDING		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 st March 2017	31 st March 2018	
1: Balance brought Forward	19,655	30,004	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the councils' financial records.
2: (+) Annual Precept	24,350	23,290	Total Amount of precept income received in the year.
3: (+) Total other receipts	6,655	41,931	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the precept
4: (-) Staff Costs	6,896	7,382	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all council employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses.
5: (-) Loan Interest/ Capital repayments	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the councils borrowings (if any)
6: (-) Total other payments	13,760	19,025	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff cost (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5)
7: (=) Balances carried Forward	30,004		Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. (must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6))
8: Total cost & Investments	30,004		The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9: Total fixed assets and long term assets	49,046	49,046	The recorded current book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties

The Flag Flying - Congratulations to all those who have had the flag flown in their honour for whatever reason, major birthdays and other achievements have been acknowledged throughout this year. If you would like to have the Union Jack, Lincolnshire Flag or the St. Georges flag flown for your special occasion contact any parish councillor. Commonwealth and Armed Forces Flags have also been



flown.

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Annual Events: These include Annual Parish Meetings, Christmas Tree Lighting, Best Kept Garden competitions, Youth Achievement Awards and parish Footpath Walking – some of the more enjoyable activities at which we hope to see members of the public joining in. Why not join in the fun, meet your councillors and walk along the footpaths in June 2018 to discover the local wildlife and beautiful scenery which Tattershall with Thorpe has to offer. For details of dates etc please see the four parish notice boards, the parish council facebook page or Woodhall Wapentake.

Web Site: The web site is being continually updated and is full of useful local information, events and parish council news too. Visit the site at: parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/TattershallandTattershallThorpe to find out more. You may even have information you would like to contribute.

Best Kept Village Competition: Tattershall Thorpe has once again been entered into this competition, having got through to the final round of judging in 2017. The gardening team in Tattershall Thorpe also entered the East Midlands in Bloom competition last year for the first time and were awarded a Silver Gilt for their efforts.

Village Clean up: We have held a village clean up event during April and the litter pickers/grabbers are located centrally within the parish and can be used by contacting Cllr Mrs Dawson.

The Best Kept Garden Competition is always a favourite as this competition is kept completely anonymous and independent. The Rose Bowl Trophy is awarded annually to the winning garden in the 'Standard Garden' category and in 2017 Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were successful with Mr. Holt winning the Barrack Trophy for the Container sized garden. Who knows, there could be a judge looking at your efforts in the summer of 2018 Watch the notice boards for results during August and the presentation will take place on 4th September.

Chairman's Report: 2017 – 2018. And so another year has passed with ever increasing speed and the time has come for me to prepare this report, reflecting on the events of 2017.

In co-operation with the Parochial Church Council and generous funding from Historic England, the much needed restorative work has finally begun on the Church Wall. Hopefully, therefore, this will mean that over the next few years our monthly agenda items will be lighter, although no doubt the issue will soon be replaced by something equally as pressing. Hopefully in 12 months' time the issue of the Market Place improvements and the Clinton Park footpath link will have been resolved, although maybe that's just wishful thinking. Similarly it would be pleasing to have had concerns over car parking charges, both in Tattershall and Coningsby, permanently and gratuitously, resolved.

Probably the most notable change of the last year is that the parish council now finds itself without a fixed and permanent base, the lease of the parish office having just 30 days to run. Nevertheless, we are fortunate to have secured the long term use of the village hall for our monthly meetings and the clerk's mobile office, coupled with the storage of essential council documentation within the village, should mean that, on a day-to-day basis, things will be largely unchanged. This does, however, emphasise the need for us all to remember that the parish council is the branch of local government closest to the electorate. It cannot be denied that there are aspects of the role of a parish councillor which have a potentially comic, Dibleyesque note, but the overriding feature is that the parish council is a separate, legal, corporate entity which was first created by the Local Government Act in 1894 and is now largely governed by consolidated legislation from 1972. This means that we are important representatives of the residents, electorate, business operators, visitors and others connected with village life and should be a first point of call to many. That point of contact is not limited to 9 to 5,

Monday to Friday within a particular office but rather 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year with omnipresence.

We still have one vacancy to fill, a councillor for Tattershall, and I can perhaps do no more than once again express the hope that we will end the forthcoming year with a full body of representatives. That said, it was a great pleasure to welcome back to our congregation our most recently appointed councillor for his second stint in the role.

May I, on behalf of all the parish councillors, express thanks to the County and District Council Councillors and the representatives of Lincolnshire Police who have attended our meetings to ensure we are and remain fully apprised of significant and pertinent developments at higher levels of local government and public service. In addition, I would personally like to thank our clerk for trying, with occasional success, to keep me on the straight and narrow but more importantly for her hard work in helping us all, and also to those councillors who have given valiant service, over the last 12 months and made the year so rewarding.

Nick Brown - Chairman, Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council, May 2018.

NOTES FROM THORPE

Last years' Parish Meeting was very well attended. The meeting was followed by a very interesting presentation by the Lincolnshire Wild Life, the subject being their new site at the Old Woodhall Airfield.

This was followed up later in July by a guided walk in the area in which 15 residents took part. The parish Notice Board at the Junction of Chapel Lane has been replaced by a smart new one made by Andy Fitter of Chapel Lane, I'm sure we all appreciate it.

Our annual village clean up took place in June, in preparation for the village judging competition. The turnout was very good and went a long way to achieving the excellent results. Best Kept Village competition – we got through to the last round and East Midlands in Bloom we received a Silver Gilt award. The railway day was also a success and enabled villagers to meet up and have a good chat, even if trains are not your thing. Thanks go to Mark and Jean Smith.

The old Notice Board which was outside the Chapel has now been relocated to inside the bus shelter at North Road. This is more

convenient to those Residents who live at that end of the village. Seats and bird boxes have been installed around the Charles and Diana tree to make more use of the space and make it more attractive. This was the suggestion of the East Midlands in Bloom judges. They also advised that a visitor guide be produced – this has been done by placing a small board on the flag pole.

Meet the neighbours was again a popular event. A talk by John Hall on “When he was a boy” was well received. The pulled pork dinner with gateaux was enjoyed by everyone. The Blue Bell Trophy this year was awarded to Jean and John Hudson. Remembrance Service had good attendance followed by refreshments from Bob Tracy. The Christmas Tree was put in place to end the year.