

Parish Council News

Speed Camera...As previously reported, speeding is a very long standing issue, the Parish Council's request for fixed speed cameras having been turned down.

However, P.C.Chairman, David Whitehouse has submitted an application for the supply, fitting and ongoing maintenance of two speed awareness cameras for the village from monies available from the Nuclear Waste Services grants scheme. If approved, these could be fitted as early as February or March, in the hope that these will remind motorists of the speed limit and adjust their speed accordingly.

The completed resurfacing of the A1104 between Maltby and Mablethorpe was the result of pressure on the highways Department by County Councillor Noi Sear. She told the P.C. that traffic lights may eventually be fitted to the crossroads at the end of Maltby straight. A roundabout would be the preferred option but has been told there is not enough land available for one.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 10th March at 7pm and again on Monday 12th May. Residents are welcome to attend the 10 minute open session at 7pm where any questions or concerns can be raised. Contact. Chairman D Whitehouse 01507 450372 or Clerk G Simpson on 01754 880131.

Geological Disposal Facility (GDF)

An announcement in November by Nuclear Waste Services that the scoping area for the above ground location of a possible GDF at the former Theddlethorpe Gas terminal has been increased, as shown on the map opposite. This is because of third party interest in the site, making their preferred location less likely. As the facility would be built under the sea, a location further from coast seems less favourable, but no updates at the time of writing.

More than Just a Yarn ... Meet in the village hall every Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm. A small weekly fee covers the cost of the hall, refreshments and a number of treats throughout the year. Turns are taken to make cake to be shared by the group with their afternoon tea. Participants are free to pursue their chosen craft, and although tuition is not given, there is always help and support available from other talented participants. A small and friendly group that put the world to rights every Thursday afternoon! If you would like to come along you are most welcome.

Grange Farm Park... are holding a Bingo Evening on Friday 14th March at 8pm in the restaurant at Grange Farm Park, which will be hosted by D.J. John Marshall.

Please note the Avian flu restrictions now in place for people with chickens & wildfowl.

Any News? Contact me, Jane Gray on 01507 450372 or 07753 597679 or

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Village Hall Contact... Wendy Hill Andrews, 07706 074857 or check out Strubby Beesby and Maltby Village Hall on Facebook.



Important Notice Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) Case near Mablethorpe, East Lindsey



Attention Resident:

A confirmed case of Avian Influenza has occurred at a premise near Mablethorpe.



The Government has declared:
3 km radius Protection Zone (PZ)
10 km radius Surveillance Zone (SZ)

The risk to public health from the virus is very low, however it is important that people don't pick up sick or dead birds.

APHA staff will contact known poultry/captive bird owners within the next few days to gather further information. This information will help veterinary staff to assess the risk of Avian Influenza spread. APHA veterinary staff may need to carry out an inspection of your birds to assess their health.

Please be reassured there is no automatic culling policy for Avian Influenza outbreaks. Birds will only be culled if Avian Influenza is confirmed in the flock following laboratory testing of samples, or if a veterinary risk assessment indicates a strong likelihood of significant links to an infected premise.



Compulsory registration of poultry and captive birds with APHA has been required since 1st October 2024.

If you keep poultry or captive birds and have **not registered** you must do so now using one of the following options:

Online Form: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/avianflu/mablethorpe04

Telephone: 01522 552490 (Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 4.30 pm)



Special Measures

If you have poultry or other birds at your premises, you must adhere to the conditions and movement restrictions within the Protection Zone. Heightened biosecurity measures have been put in place to protect your birds from disease and prevent its spread. All poultry and captive birds must be housed, and licences are required for movements to and from premises in both the SZ and PZ. Further information on the current Avian Influenza restrictions and controls which apply in the area can be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-avian-influenza-latest-situation-in-england>

Signs of Avian Influenza

If your birds become ill, **consult your vet immediately**. Avian Influenza spreads through direct contact or contaminated fluids and faeces. Symptoms in poultry include:

- Swollen head and blue discolouration of the neck and throat
- Loss of appetite and diarrhoea
- Respiratory distress (gaping beak, coughing, sneezing, gurgling, rattling)
- Reduced egg production and increased mortality

By law, if you or your vet suspects that kept birds are showing any signs of disease it must be immediately reported to APHA by telephoning 03000 200 301.

Wild Birds

If the birds are wild, no action is required. However, you can assist by reporting dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese, ducks) or other wild birds (gulls, birds of prey) to the Defra helpline on **03459 335577**.

