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Fly Tipping

A recent spate of fly tipping won't have gone unnoticed; please report it to SKDC as soon as you see it. Either ring 01476 406080 or go to www.southhasteven.gov.uk and search 'Report Flytipping'. There is then a form and a map to locate the rubbish.

Pot Holes

For the inevitable winter pot holes ring 01522 782070 or visit www.highways.lincs.gov.uk/highways. This site allows you to pin point the location on a map and report it, along with any other highway issues (damaged signs, excess vegetation, flooding etc.)

Planning Applications

To view or comment on any planning application, go to www.southhasteven.gov.uk/planningsearch

Sponsor On Side

Are you a local business? Please consider sponsoring the next issue of **On Side**. Print costs are modest and feedback from Parishioners indicated it was read widely. Contact Paul Miley.

Parish Council Website: parishes.lincs.gov.uk/houghonthehill

Hough Neighbourhood Plan: www.loveden.org.uk/np

Village Defibrillators:

The likelihood of surviving a cardiac arrest roughly halves with every minute that passes. In rural locations the **East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS)** target of an 8 minute response time is challenging. So a locally accessible AED (or 'defibrillator') could literally make the life-saving difference.



An **Automatic External Defibrillator** is very straightforward to use and even young children have successfully followed the spoken word instructions the machine issues. A shock cannot be incorrectly applied, as the machine diagnoses the patient's condition first.

Residents of Hough on the Hill raised funds in 2014 to have an AED installed in the adopted village telephone box. The Parish Council voted to take over the running costs (insurance, power, consumables) for this and any other installations. This was the spur for both Gelston and Brandon communities to achieve the same result.



The **Margaret Brown Trust** have generously agreed to fund around two thirds of the costs of supply, installation and training for villagers; leaving around £650 per village to collect.

Penny Milnes writes "Amazing Gelston - just a few weeks ago a letter was sent round Gelston hamlet asking for donations towards the cost of a defibrillator. The residents were amazing and responded very generously. Sufficient money was donated to complete the purchase of the defibrillator and 2 years' funding of a telephone ring round system. Well done Gelston."

And **Brilliant Brandon**...a similar request has delivered the necessary funds with several villagers and one local business meeting the full balance. A huge thank you from the community to all those who have donated.

Installation and awareness training will be provided by the **Community Heartbeat Trust**. Each telephone box will have a secure enclosure with the necessary power supply to keep the **AED** charged. If an incident occurs, as normal, ring 999. An ambulance will be despatched; however the operator will also remind you of the **AED** and give the PIN code to open the enclosure. An optional village 'ring around' service will call villagers that have been trained in the use of the AED, who can then mobilise to fetch the device, bring it to the patient and use as directed.

We will let everyone know as soon as the AEDs are in place and hope you come to the awareness training. For updates contact **Penny Milnes** or **Paul Miley**.



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The Council operates for you; do get in touch.

Speeding and Road Safety in the Parish : actions & information

Your Parish Council has been liaising with Lincolnshire County Council Highways as safety on our quiet country roads is high on the list of concerns expressed to Councillors. It should be remembered of course that the majority of users are us – parishioners; expect to encounter not only vehicles but take care for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and at times heavy agricultural machinery and livestock.

Results of Archer (Speeding) Survey : Hough on the Hill

Over a five day period nearly 2000 car speeds were recorded entering and leaving Hough on the Hill on the Frieston Road. Disappointingly over one quarter; around 100 cars per day were speeding such that either an Awareness Course or Prosecution would have resulted. Close to one in five of the cars leaving the village were travelling over 40mph and several times maximum speeds over 61 mph were recorded (Thurs and Sun evenings). Perhaps potentially more serious, on several occasions speeds of 51 to 56 mph were recorded at 16:00; a busy pedestrian time for school children. Regardless of the impact on a driver's licence if caught, the potential for an accident at the junction High Road/Carlton Road/Lower Road is high.

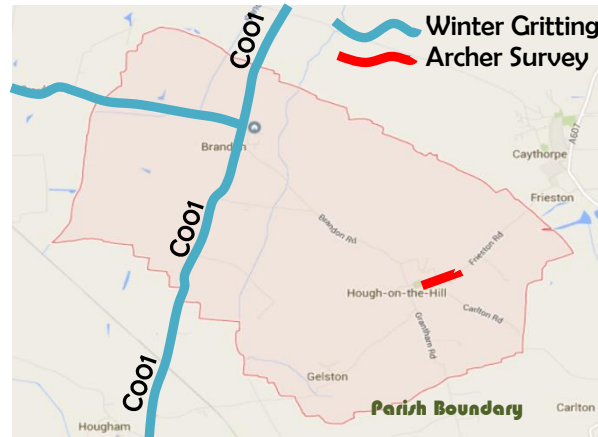
The Parish Council has organised signs to remind residents and visitors of the speed limit and would ask for your help to moderate speeds and try to encourage calmer driving in and around our community. If these results concern you do get in touch and we will ask the local police to set up mobile speed cameras on occasion.

Hough on the Hill : results summary

Direction	Speed	Survey
Approaching	Legal to 5mph over	84%
	>35mph	11.4%
	>40mph	4.6%
Leaving	Legal to 5mph over	67.3%
	>35mph	14.8%
	>40mph	17.9%

Brandon Speed Survey

Residents of Brandon have for some time requested a speed limit on the CO01 through the village. In the past Lincolnshire Highways have not supported a speed limit unless there is a history of fatal accidents and are also loath to implement a limit that is consistently ignored; but this might change. A speed survey will be conducted during November to support an application. In addition Lincolnshire Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is supportive of measures such as 'gateways' to villages, something that can only be implemented where there is a change in speed limit entering a village.



Winter Gritting

Please be aware, aside from the CO01 and the Brandon to Stubton road, no other Parish roads are gritted.

Road Closure

For 3 days between 1st and 18th December, the CO01 between Brandon and Hougham will be closed for (further) repairs.

Straw Storage at Fulbeck

The Parish Council has opposed the planning permission to normalise the mass storage of straw at Fulbeck airfield. This is due to the amount of heavy traffic and in support of the concerns of our neighbours in Stragglethorpe.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been adopted as part of SKDC Planning Policy.

80%  **YES**

The Referendum in July delivered an 80% in favour result on a 47% turnout. (Note the Parish Council did try to have the referendum conducted at the same time as the national election; this wasn't possible but we thank all those who took the time to turn out once more.) The Plan is now formally adopted as part of the South Kesteven District Council Development Plan governing all land use planning decisions within our Parish.

The final version of the Neighbourhood Plan and its policies, can be viewed at: www.loveden.org.uk/np

Hot Topics

Over the summer the Parish Council has addressed the topics covered in the newsletter as well as:

- Numerous planning applications
- Discussion of use for the Parish land in Brandon
- Approval to improve Parish notice boards
- Railway crossing closures
- Skip lorries through Gelston

If there is anything else we should be considering, then:

- Contact the Clerk or any Councillor
- Come along to any Council meeting

We look forward to hearing your views.

Broadband

High speed internet is now available in Hough on the Hill and Gelston villages. Contact your service provider if this has not yet been enabled for your home.

Brandon is currently too far from the nearest fibre-optic network. However the Parish Council has been liaising with the County Council who are negotiating the installation of a new connection. which, all being well, could see high speed broadband come to Brandon in early 2016. The Parish Council hope to have more news by the end of November – give us your email address for latest news updates. Extension of the service to outlying properties is also being pursued.



Village Activity:

All Saints Church Tower – scaffolding has recently been erected to carry out much needed repairs to the pinnacles. Church members, particularly Michael Blades, have made a tremendous effort to raise the considerable sum of around £40,000 needed to preserve this Grade I structure as part of our heritage.

War Memorial

Seventeen men are listed on the Hough on the Hill war memorial. Read about them at www.loveden.org.uk/hough.html

Garden Party for Alzheimer's Charities

Comerways in Brandon held a very successful, well attended garden party in the summer raising a fantastic £1500 for Alzheimer's Charities.

Summer Fete & Party 2016

The Summer Fete and Party on the Playing Field will be held on: **Saturday 2nd July 2016**

There was a really good turnout for the planning meeting held at the end of October. This warm-hearted, positive event met with a lot of support for the initial ideas about how to make this a really great occasion for the whole Parish next summer.

Please put the date in your diaries now. And its not too late to offer to help. Contact:

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Thorold Arms (Marston)

As you are probably aware, the Thorold Arms in Marston closed in July. Under the banner "Save the Thorold Arms" a community initiative is trying to get it re-opened (possibly as a community owned enterprise). To that end a website and a Facebook page have been set up:

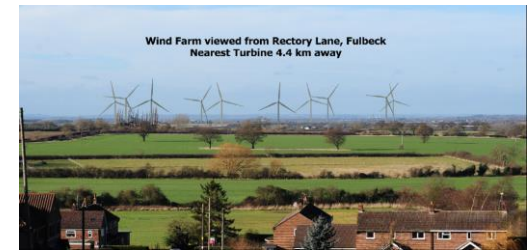
www.save.thoroldarms.co.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheThoroldArms>

Residents in Marston and Hougham were canvassed via email and there are over 100 supporters in the area.

The first Public Meeting is at 5pm on **Saturday 14th November** in the Marston & Hougham Village Hall.

Fulbeck Airfield Turbines

Despite the rejection of an industrial wind farm at Temple Hill by SKDC on 17th March, barely six months later a different company EnergieKontor submitted plans for an even larger development at Fulbeck Airfield. Although not within the boundary of the Parish, this would impact Parishioners on several grounds: health, road safety, visual amenity, heritage assets and potentially economic grounds.



There has been limited consultation – an exhibition was held at Stubton Village Hall in February – although their display boards are available at www.fulbeckairfieldwindfarm.co.uk/ Note that EK have distributed leaflets to visiting kart racers encouraging them to support the construction, in exchange for promise of resurfacing the kart track and power to the car park; this is presumably from the 'Community Fund'.

The full application is at www.southkesteven.gov.uk search Application 315/1764 (Note it does run to many Gigabytes)

The local campaign group VETO have put together information for local people www.vetocampaign.co.uk/. It is vital that local views are heard, which means writing to the Planning Officer at SKDC or commenting on the application online. The Parish Council are objecting, but the number of individual comments from local people is vital, as National Government Policy changed with the election, requiring the support of the local community. It is unclear as to what constitutes 'local' – but a letter or comment per person per household is important. Note the rejection of Temple Hill does not set a precedent – nor does a letter objecting to Temple Hill count as an objection to Fulbeck Airfield.

Hough on the Hill Playing Field Development

M.U.G.A.

Parishioners were surveyed earlier in the year for their views and usage of the Playing Field. Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond with additional comments and emails of support. Many commented that the Playing Field is our last remaining public communal facility, and it is important to maintain it as a resource for everyone to use. Top of the list of preferences was support for the installation of a **Multi-Use Games Area**. This new unit will offer activity for older children, teenagers and adults for whom there is nothing currently at the site. It will also help ensure the play ground equipment is preserved for younger children.

The Parish Council has agreed to fund this new amenity for our Playing Field up to a maximum of £1,500 and grant applications are being submitted to raise the remainder of the funds required. We hope to achieve sufficient funding to install the unit with a tarmac area around it to facilitate year-round use when the rest of the field is too wet and muddy.



Play Ground Parish Councillors check the condition of the play equipment and enclosure every month. However if you see anything requiring maintenance, then please contact your Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Grass Cutting The survey we sent round earlier this year also asked for views about changing the mowing programme for the field. Following consideration of all the views put forward, the Parish Council has decided not to make any changes at this time.

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Please help us keep **On Side** useful and relevant; feedback to any of the Councillors or direct to editor Paul Miley, contact info. over.