

Bigby Parish Council NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

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Dates for your diary including special events and church services.

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Parish updates on our community buildings, planning applications and the Bigby Sustainable Energy Project.

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Useful contacts and information. An opportunity to go paperless with communications.



All Saints Church 2024

Communion Services

Sunday 30 June, 11am

Sunday 29 September, 11am

Carol Service

Sunday 15 December, 6pm

D-DAY 80

In 2024 the UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6th June 1944 with a series of major commemoration events. Bigby will be doing two things to mark this significant milestone.

- **Thursday 6th June at 9.15pm** (this year and thereafter), Bigby will light a 'Lamp Light of Peace' alongside flowers in the Church porch which will be open for several days. The ruby red colour of the lamp represents the sacrifice made by brave men and women across the globe. All are welcome to come to the church porch at any time, to take a moment and give thanks.
- **Friday 7th June at 7pm**, an event at the Village Hall will be held with music, food and drink to mark the anniversary, with us coming together very informally in a relaxed setting (more information to follow). Your family and friends outside of the parish will be very welcome!

News and Views



ALL SAINTS CHURCH AND THE VILLAGE HALL

You will be aware of the ongoing challenges with the maintenance and repair of both our community buildings.

With very limited funds, the Parish Council has facilitated repairs to part of the **Village Hall** roof over recent months and further work will be needed. Please keep the Hall in mind for any private events you are holding.... it's a great space for functions and ongoing use of the facility is important for practical and insurance reasons.

All Saints Church is a beautiful 13th century Grade I listed building with a fantastic history. Although still standing and currently operational if congregations attend, it needs serious care and attention from professional restorers. Many of you will have seen the demise of Somerby Church nearby (that now cannot be accessed or used). It would be a travesty if this happened to All Saints Church Bigby too.

If anyone has ideas about fund raising or wishes to discuss potential donations (this can be done anonymously), please contact Brenda Orr from the Parish Council who also serves All Saints Church (contact details on page 4).

BIGBY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECT

During 2023, Parish Council representatives knocked on doors throughout Bigby and discussed how green energy could be generated on available local farmland, providing the village with a sustainable energy supply for household and business consumption.

Your feedback was incredibly positive, but the initial technical investigation conducted by specialists on behalf of the Bigby Parish Council concluded that despite the many strengths of the proposal, the non-availability of an electricity grid connection prevented further progress.

The ambition isn't dead though because of the introduction of new technology (in the form of Micro Grids) and availability of further funding through a national Community Energy Fund. We would however need local farmers and businesses to commit and invest alongside the local community to make the project financially viable. Please let us know if you want to know more because a small working group who live in Bigby remain committed to the ambition and active in discussions with key stakeholders.

Please contact Clive Wilson in the first instance (contact details again on page 4).



RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The planning applications in our parish are often not residential but related to farming and local businesses.

The Parish Council has received two specific applications in recent months and the status of each one is summarised below.

Breedon Trading Ltd. – An application was made at the end of 2023 for the southern extension of the sand and gravel quarry that sits between Bigby and Kettleby in our parish.

The planning application is detailed, but Bigby Parish Council does have questions given its responsibility as part of local government to deliver carbon reducing initiatives (whether that pertains to sustainable energy generation, improved transportation options, tree planting, nature restoration etc).

The Parish Council have a meeting with Breedon on 26th April 2024. Please let us know in advance if you have any thoughts or questions.

A.T.G Turnbull Ltd. – An application has been received for a storage tank for liquid organic waste on land off Brigg Road in Kettleby (part of the Bigby parish).

The Parish Council is supportive of this application having asked questions about location, usage and potential odours. Please let us know if you have any questions.



SPRING & SUMMER PLANTING IN BIGBY

In 2022, Bigby was given a grant as part of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Fund to install several wooden planters around the village that would encourage the growth of plants supporting pollinating insects. Several villagers have informally 'adopted' the planters, using plants they have personally purchased or taken from their own gardens. Thank you for your efforts to date.

If you have thoughts and ideas for ways of improving planting and maintenance each year, then this will be a discussion point at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 23rd April, so please either come along to the meeting or get in touch before then.

Contacts & Information



The Annual Meeting of Bigby Parish Council is on **Tuesday 23 April 2024**. Come along as an observer or to ask questions and find out more. The meeting starts at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. All very welcome!



BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL

Go Paperless

We would really like to send this newsletter out via e-mail where possible to save paper.

If you supply your e-mail and Bigby address to the Clerk using the address below, it will be retained securely for Parish Council communications only.

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If you'd prefer to still receive a doorstep paper newsletter, we will continue to deliver those to ensure the community know what is happening locally.

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If you want to write with questions or views, the postal address for the **Bigby Parish Clerk** is **Bigby Parish Council, c/o 2 Wilmore Lane, Grasby, Lincolnshire. DN38 6FB.**