

# PARISH COUNCIL

## Overhanging Trees and Hedges

Summer is here (no really) and the sudden spurt and growth of our gardens and surrounding countryside is self-evident. Unfortunately what also is self-evident is the amount of overhanging trees and bushes which are causing a nuisance to members of the parish going about their daily business using the footways and pathways designated for their use. In some cases people are forced onto the public highway where there is danger of oncoming traffic. If you have hedges and trees that border such pathways and footpaths it would be great if you could spend some time this weekend and examine whether they are potentially causing a nuisance and take the appropriate responsible action to rectify.

## Dog Fouling

Whilst on the subject of footpaths I am sorry to report that despite previous notices and request the incidents of people allowing their dogs to foul the pavements and surrounding area is on the increase. A gentle reminder therefore that allowing your dog to foul public byways is an offence liable to a fixed penalty fine. If that wasn't enough please consider the appearance of your village. Nobody wishes to see the pavements

adorned with dog muck especially since it is so easy to prevent. If none of that concerns you then you should be aware that dog muck can transmit disease (Toxocariasis) which in extreme cases can cause blindness and may provoke rheumatic, neuralgic and asthmatic systems all of which can be avoided if you clean up after your pet.

I started this article referring to footpaths and pathways but please be aware that allowing your pet to foul in the open countryside is also frowned upon and in some cases is classed as an offence. Equally the habit of clearing up the dog mess placing it into a bag and throwing the bag into a tree or bush is not acceptable or responsible behaviour. Please have some pride in your village and concern for the health of the villagers and clear up your dogs mess. It's your dog.

You would not take your dog out for a walk without a collar and lead so please in future do not take it out for a walk without a suitable receptacle to collect it's mess in which you should deposit in one of the dog bins in the village or take home and deposit in your grey waste bin.

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# FLOODING UPDATE

## My initial feeling about what has been done in the village since 2007, to avoid the flooding happening again, was "Not a lot!"

By coincidence when I asked a water board employee, who had come to clean up recently after neat sewage had backed up down Willow Lane and all over my drive because of a blockage they were clearing on Ferry Road, he used the same expression!

It is 4 years since that terrible day and the fear of a repeat is always there, with the flash flooding in other parts of the area recently, an untimely reminder.

So it was with great interest that I attended the meeting with representatives from North Lincolnshire Council for a Flooding Update, on 13th June, organised by the Goxhill WI.



and consultations both locally and nationally, North Lincolnshire Council are now legally responsible for coordinating all the various agencies involved in drainage and flooding in the area. They have set up a drainage team specifically for this purpose.

Nationally the Pitt Review made 92 recommendations with the key issue for the Environment Agency and Councils to strengthen their technical capability for flooding/drainage, and lead to a new Flood & Water Management Act passed in 2010. As a result, the Environment Agency is responsible for the strategic overview and the Local Authority role is to take the lead on all local flood issues. They are responsible for all surface and groundwater issues, though the Environment Agency are still responsible for the flood gates into the Humber.

They outlined all the actual works they had carried out in the village so far and touched on the future plans by Anglia Water to improve the situation by building a new trunk main sewer from South End passing to the east of the village to the North End pumping station. They also said they would be improving the pumping station at South End.

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## UPDATE MEETING

Rob Beales, David Harrison and Rod Chapman represented the Council, and each addressed a large audience in the Memorial Hall. They explained that as a result of the huge amount of committee meetings