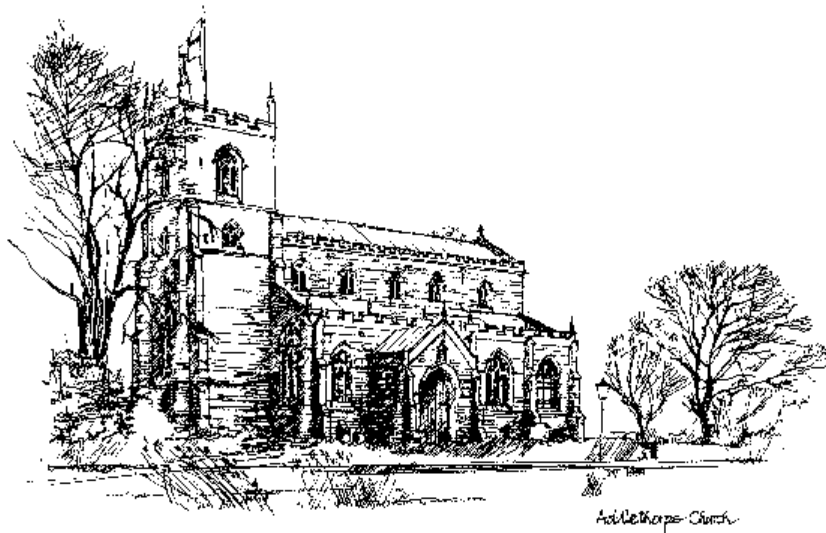

ADDLETHORPE PARISH PLAN



2014

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Historic Addlethorpe

Addlethorpe is a large rural village, accessed from the main routes into Skegness. It is situated close to Ingoldmells, famous for being the home of the first Butlins Holiday Camp which was started in 1936 and still attracts large visitor numbers.

The village was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and at that time consisted of 102 households and was listed as having two churches. There are records of the existence of a 'moated site' in Church Lane from the medieval period, although there is no surface trace of this today. The name of the village is probably derived from the Saxon AEthel meaning Noble and Thorpe meaning village.

There are a number of listed buildings in Addlethorpe:

- a) St Nicholas Church – Known as 'The Cathedral of the Marshes', this is a Grade I listed building, dating back to the C15th, built between 1360 and 1420, and which was restored in 1875. The tower and font are C15th and the pulpit is C18th. It lost its chancel in 1706. The south doorway retains its early C15th door, now with its C18th wicket. The Church retains much of its original woodwork and fittings, including the 'Angel' roof, a complete set of benches with carved poppy head ends and original back seats and rests and four Chantry Screens of Gothic fretwork. The Church also has a complete peal of 6 bells.
- b) The Churchyard Cross – The lower half of a C14th churchyard cross is situated in the churchyard. It is both Grade II listed and a Scheduled Monument.
- c) Addlethorpe House – Grade II listed, this was built in the late C17th and altered in both the C19th and C20th.
- d) Bede Cottages – Originally a C17th farmhouse that was bequeathed by Samuel Mottram of Addlethorpe Hall in 1710. It was perhaps converted then, when he founded a charity for the cottages to be reserved for two widows of the parish. There was a half-acre of land for their use and they received two chauldrons of coal. The cottages are Grade II listed and are currently undergoing restoration to a single dwelling. The charity still exists as Addlethorpe Parochial Charity and makes grants towards heating costs for the senior citizens of the village and those with special needs.
- e) Cottage Farmhouse - Grade II listed
- f) Slate House Farm – Grade II listed built around the mid C17th.

- g) Addlethorpe Mill – Grade II listed, originally a Post Mill, it was replaced around 1830 with a four sailed Tower Mill. It had six floors and was the tallest mill in the district, built with bricks probably made in a local field. The sails were removed in 1949, the cap and the cross in 1968 and in 1992 the tower was reduced by three floors. The workings and stones were removed to be used in other working windmills if possible. Originally there was a bake-house attached to the mill, which ceased trading as such in the early 1960's due to lack of staff to work in it.

The current owners' family moved to the village in 1922 to work in the bakery with the current owners' father taking over the milling business in 1959. After the closure of the bakery, the business continued as a thriving Agricultural and Animal Feed business still trading today.

Also of note is the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel built in 1837 and which was rebuilt in 1968.

**St. Nicholas Church
Addlethorpe**



The Church in Winter





ADDELETHORPE METHODIST CHAPEL

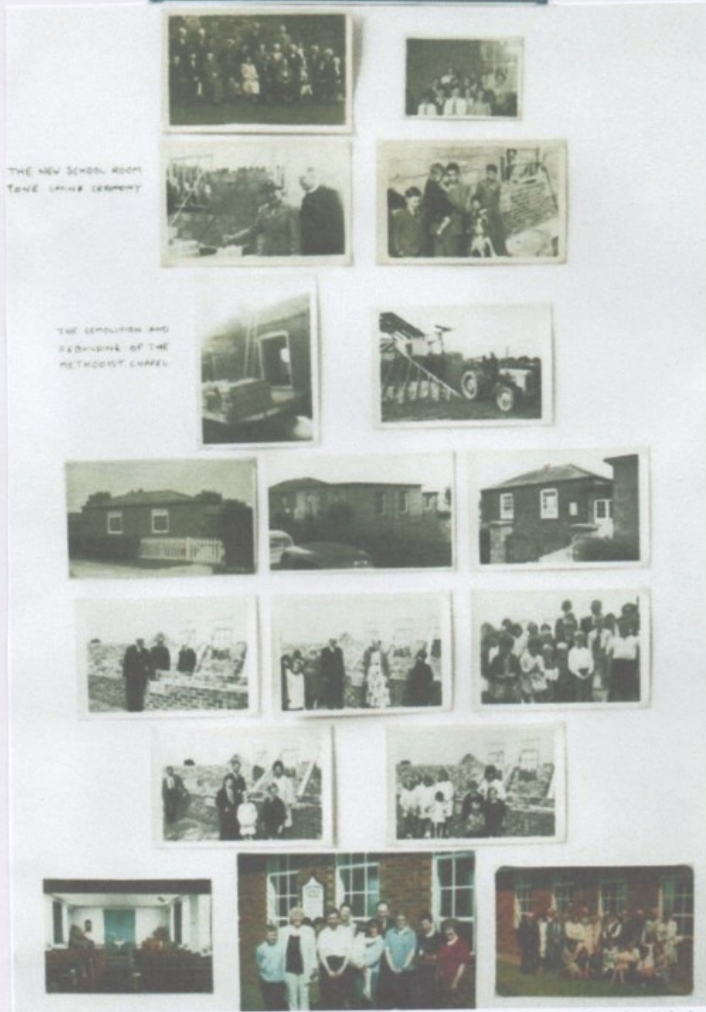


Photo by: Malcolm Tait

A board of photographs giving some of the history of the Methodist Chapel on Chapel Lane.



The Mill 2014

Addlethorpe Mill

A Picture of the Mill in 1920



Addlethorpe Village Fete Circa pre World War 1



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Addlethorpe Parish Council

The Parish Council has existed since 1896, with its first meeting being held on the 15th June that year, and in the same year, Standing Orders were adopted on the 3rd October. The Clerk's salary was 30/- (raised to £2 in 1901). Two 'Overseers of the Poor' were appointed annually, Constables were appointed as required and a local Technical Educational Committee was active and arranged classes in sheep dipping, thatching, under-draining and dyke making.

The Parish Council has seven councillors and a clerk and we meet on the second Tuesday each month except for the month of August. The Council has a web site and an e-mail address.

To be noted: Although Addlethorpe is in close proximity to Ingoldmells, the village does not wish to become an extension of Ingoldmells. The residents of Addlethorpe have more of an affinity with the rural parishes such as Orby and for this reason would like to maintain a buffer zone between Addlethorpe and Ingoldmells. Support will not be given to any development related to the tourist industry such as the extension of touring caravan sites or the development of static caravan sites.

Celebrations in Addlethorpe

The village has a long history of celebrating national events going back to 1897 when a 'meat tea' was the main event for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Held jointly with Ingoldmells, the total population of the two parishes was 399, and 16 stone (224lb) of beef was required. Prizes were awarded for races and there was a 'washing' competition with 2 prizes donated by Lever Bros. The children received Jubilee mugs.

On 26th June 1902, a tea and sports day was held to celebrate the Coronation of King Edward VII despite the coronation being postponed, and this was again a joint event held with Ingoldmells. Addlethorpe then separated from Ingoldmells for a celebration with a similar 'meat tea' being held on 22nd June 1911 for the coronation of King George V, the peace celebrations in July 1919, and on 4th February 1920 for the returning soldiers and their wives. For the silver Jubilee of King George V on 6th May 1935 an event was held with a 'meat tea' for the adults and a 'bread and butter and cake' tea for the children, who also received Jubilee mugs. For the coronation of King George VI on 12th May 1937, teas and suppers were provided and the children received Testaments instead of mugs. The sports and side-shows were postponed to the following week owing to bad weather,

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II – No records have been found that describe any event held at this time, however local residents have confirmed that a 'party' was held and Coronation Mugs given to the children.

Several residents have recalled a 'Fancy Dress' party held on the field behind the Kings Head Public House to celebrate the Silver Jubilee in 1977 with Jubilee Mugs being handed to the children. Unfortunately there were no celebrations for the Golden Jubilee in 2002, however a traditional Country Fete was held to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in June 2012. This had to be moved from the village green into the Church due to bad weather. In the evening a musical event was held at the Golf Club.

Most recently a group of residents and the church wardens have formed a committee to plan events to be held at St Nicholas Church with a view to making it more of a Community hub. The first event held was on 3rd August 2014 and was a Commemoration of one hundred years since the start of World War 1. There were displays of bell ringing, flowers, posters and memorabilia which were put together and loaned by members of the community. Refreshments were served and visitors could purchase home-made cakes and home grown produce, and take part in a raffle and tombola. The children's activities included making felt poppies and medals. The Lady Chapel was dedicated to Remembrance and a short church service was held which included hymns and Poems written by the War Poets.

It is hoped to hold more events in the future with the aim of raising funds to provide a small kitchen and toilet facility at the Church.



The Lady Chapel, St Nicholas Church – 3rd August 2014

Addlethorpe Community Led Plan (Parish Plan)

As a Parish Council we are committed to work hard to maintain the village as the residents' desire. Addlethorpe is a large rural community, sparsely populated by a largely retired population.

The work towards the Community Led Plan was started some time ago by one of the parish councillors, who undertook the planning of a social event and the production and correlation of the questionnaire which the residents were asked to complete. Unfortunately, due to pressure of work, he was forced to resign from the Parish Council in May 2013. At this time the Clerk to the Parish Council became ill and sadly passed away in November 2013. This led to a temporary shelving of the plan.

In July 2012, a successful social event was held at Poplar Farm in the form of a barbecue, which was very well supported. The comments of 22 households were collated at the time giving a variety of suggestions as follows:

- a) Speeding Cars
- b) Footpaths
- c) No further Holiday development
- d) Neighbourhood Watch
- e) No further Housing development
- f) Litter

The Parish Council took on the mantle of steering committee and the questionnaire was formulated. These were delivered to each home and collected back. 57 questionnaires were returned giving the views of 141 residents, covering a wide age range, from the young to the 'young at heart'. The committee hopes that these views are representative of the views of all residents in the village, and have now formulated a 'Community Led Plan' based on these answers.

Our Questionnaire

Our questionnaire was divided into sections as follows:

1. About your household – (Names and ages)
2. Transport -
 - a) Speed limits
 - b) Public Transport
 - c) Road Safety
 - d) Means of transport currently used
3. Housing and Planning –a designation was given and residents asked if they agreed or disagreed.

New planning – covering a variety of issues including housing, caravan sites, large-scale business and on-shore wind farm development.

4. Community – a) voluntary community support for a range of activities from Neighbourhood Watch, support of the elderly, car sharing etc.
b) means of communication available e.g. phone, e-mail etc
c) contact details if volunteering help
d) list of tasks showing if residents could help or required help with a variety of tasks such as shopping, errands, gardening etc.
5. Suggestions – for other activities of interests and whether willing to assist (giving reasons if not willing to help)
6. Environment – various issues were listed for consideration, and a section for other ideas
- Under 16 question – about developing other ideas for the youth
7. Priorities - given the limited amount of precept the parish council has to work with, what are the top 5 priorities over the next 5 years?
8. Any Other Comments.

The results of our Questionnaire:

Section 1 – About your household.

57 questionnaires were returned - Of these, 11 came from single occupancy properties

141 residents recorded views - Under 16 = 25 replies 16 - 30 = 6 replies
 30 – 50 = 24 replies 50 – 60 = 19 replies
 Over 60 = 61 replies

There were 6 returns where age was not indicated.

Section 2 – Transport

- a) 88% would like to see increased enforcement to curb speeding cars
- b) 78 of 129 would use public transport if available
 Of these 62% would if the bus stop was in the centre of the village
 67% would if the service were more frequent
 65% would if the cost was reduced
- c) Road safety- measures to improve road safety especially for walkers
 57 want more footpaths/pavements in some areas
 37 want more Police checks/enforcement of limits & regulation particularly in relation to people using mobile phones in the car.
 18 want street lighting
 13 want improved road maintenance
 Other answers gave a variety of other reasons:
 7 want sleeping policemen and 2 want cameras whilst 2 did not want either
 Some wanted roads widened and some wanted them narrowed, more verge trimming and hedge cutting. Lower speed limits even as low as 20mph.
- d) Means of transport used for various activities:

	Car Motorbike	Bus	Bicycle	Walking/ Running	Electric Scooter	Taxi	Family Assist
Work	98	2	2	8			
Training	51		2	6			
Study	47	2	2				
Shopping	120	8	2	4	1		2
Leisure	112	6	29	33	1	4	

Section 3 – Housing and Planning

- 1) The following statement was shown and respondents were asked if they agree or disagreed

‘Addlethorpe is a rural community. Rural settlements will be supported as thriving sustainable communities with a strong focus on supporting existing business to maintain employment and enhancing local services to meet local needs. Development will be limited to take into account what is sustainable with the existing infrastructure and should be in keeping with the character and nature of Addlethorpe’

135 residents responded - 96% agreed and 4% disagreed

- 2) New Planning – the parish should pursue as stridently as possible:-

	No of Responders	% for	% against
Design	129	88	12
Sustainable Drainage	128	91	9
Section 106 Contributions	130	96	4
Highway Issues	130	98	2
Environment	123	100	
No new large Scale business	125	87	13
No new Caravan Sites	124	82	18
No on-shore Wind farms	125	78	22
Support existing Business	131	96	4
Priority & support Given to new homes For children of village	128	93	7

These statements elicited further comments such as: no housing estates, houses for the children of the village should be dependent on the type of housing and also affordable. Strong opinions were given on environmental protection, that there should be no new caravan sites, no more on-shore wind farm development and that although no new large scale business is wanted we must remember that we are primarily a farming community.

Section 4 – Community

1) Residents asked if they would support the following:

	No of replies	% for	% Against
Neighbourhood Watch scheme	127	77	23
Support the Elderly	127	91	9
Litter Collecting 3-4 x annually	127	74	26
Support events in Community	118	79	21
Support village In emergency	125	86	14
Car share scheme	110	36	64
Community Enhancement scheme	115	82	18

2) Residents were asked about their access to various methods of communication:

	No of replies	% Yes	% No
Telephone	131	98	2
Mobile without Text facility	100	70	30
Mobile with Text facility	127	91	9
Internet	130	83	17
e-mail	126	82	18

Any contact e-mails that were given will be confidentially filed. This also applies to any other contact details given such as addresses, phone numbers etc.

3) Community help group: residents were asked if they were prepared to help with a variety of tasks including shopping, visiting, gardening etc. We also asked if anyone was in need of help in these categories.

Section 5 – Suggestions

A variety of activities were suggested such as a Sports Day, Quiz Nights, a local shop, Christmas Party, Bikes Rides etc. However, when asked if anyone was willing to help with these, only 30 replies were given of which 6 indicated 'yes they would be willing to help' and 24 said 'No they would not be willing to help'. This was put down mainly to Age/Health/Disability problems, busy life working and looking after children.

Section 6 – Environment

Question: Are the following issues important to the Parish environment?

	No of Replies	% yes	% No
Benches	124	70	30
Pollution	122	97	3
Hedgerows Preserving Old & Planting new	124	98	2
Protection of Green Spaces	128	98	2
Allotments	115	61	39
Planting Schemes	125	87	13
Area for Children	118	78	22

Other environmental issues high-lighted :

The largest response of 10 – Control of noise pollution

8 – Road Maintenance

7 – Prevention of Dumping and Fly Tipping

6 – Better Broadband

6 – More verge cutting

5 or less answers - A collective LPG group

Parish Litter and Tidying Group

Plants and Village Enhancement

Summer Traffic

Community Spirit & overcoming Lack of Support

Question for Under 16's: What do you want to see in the village?

10 – Youth Club

9 – Play Area

5 – Park (with swings)

4 – Skate Park

2 each – climbing frame, nature garden, safe bike rides & More fun events.

Section 7 – Priorities

The most popular answers were:

Road Maintenance – 24
Reduce speeding traffic – 21
Footpaths – 15
Bus Service – 10
Road Safety/Awareness – 7

The following priorities received 5 or less answers:

- a) Cars & Transport: Speed ramps – 3; maintain cropped hedgerows for vehicle safety – 5; carry out and authorise maintenance on areas not covered by highways – 2; 50m.p.h. speed limit on bypass – 2
- b) Environment: Protection of green spaces – 3; preserve old hedgerows – 3; plant new hedgerows – 4; monitor and contain noise levels – 4; street lighting – 3; watergrates repaired and emptied – 5; maintain Addlethorpe as a traditional village – 1; flood defences – 4; plant seeds on verges – 4; keep verges tidy – 2; anything that contributes to the Parish looking cared for – 2; children's area – 4; grit bins – 5.
- c) Community: mini-shop – 1; faster internet – 2; holidaymaker tax – 2; community events – 3; neighbourhood watch – 3; help contain planning issues – 4; coffee mornings – 2; Public awareness showing Council involvement – 2; provide finance and support for community events – 2; greater Police presence – 2.

Section 8 – Other Comments

There were no comments made that had not already been covered.

Parish Council Action Plan

The amount of money available to the Parish Council is limited. Our Precept (money given by East Lindsey District Council from the Community Charge to run the Parish Council) is less than £5000.00 per year. The position of Clerk to the Council is paid, however this salary by no means reflects the hours of work involved. Approximately one third is spent on village maintenance such as cutting the grass on the village green and in the Churchyard, and the provision of grit bins. There are legal commitments such as Insurance, Accountancy fees and Association fees to be paid, which leaves very little for other activities. The seven councillors are unpaid and give their time and knowledge for free.

Based on the questionnaire results, the Parish Council will work towards the following:

A) Transport:

- 1) Speeding: a major concern in the village is the speed of traffic.
- 2) Road Safety: Provision of footpaths and pavements, provision of street lighting, and improved road maintenance.
- 3) Public Transport: particularly bus services.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership have offered for sale, mobile Speed Indicator Boards. However these are very expensive and many other considerations have to be addressed such as storage and maintenance, responsibility for operation, extra insurance and the need for planning permission when it is sited.

The highways department have been approached about footpaths and lighting in the past, but cannot undertake to provide these. Residents will be required to give up some of their garden frontage to provide footpaths and most are reluctant to do this. The Parish Council continue to report all pot-holes and poor road conditions. The bus companies have previously been approached about better provision of service in the village, but have declined. Lack of use by the residents makes providing this service uneconomical and therefore not viable. Discussions are currently ongoing as to what is the best way forward re: the bus shelter on the A52. The structure is not well used and is frequently vandalised and used as a public litter bin and toilet. The Parish Council pays for the bus shelter to be cleaned regularly, but is concerned that someone has to clear up this mess, which is very unhygienic.

B) Housing:

Addlethorpe is in the Flood Zone and as such, no new housing would be allowed. However, in other parts of the country it is known that housing stock is still being built in such areas. The Parish Council will continue to actively oppose all new large-scale building and development such as Housing Estates. This also applies to new caravan sites, on-shore wind farms and all the infra-structure associated with the renewables industry.

However, all planning issues will continue to be considered on their merits

C) Community:

A variety of community ideas elicited a high percentage of positive replies and the Parish Council will support these where possible. Financial Support however is not an option. The council currently pays for the village green and churchyard to be maintained with grass cutting and many local farmers do assist with hedge and verge maintenance where possible and largely for free. 3 grit bins have been provided and a fourth will be purchased later this year to complete the coverage of the village. Again, keeping these filled and maintained is done on a voluntary basis. Seating has been provided as well as Dog Waste bins and signage. The provision of litter bins in School Lane has been on the agenda for some time. The Highways Department has given permission for these but the Parish Council are obliged to use an accredited installer. Also ELDC Cleansing Department will not empty the bins and their policy is not to provide bins but to educate the public not to drop litter. Lincolnshire County Council is working towards the provision of a better and faster Internet/Broadband service, with cover promised to 96% of homes by 2017.

A Community Help Group was suggested. Many responders indicated a willingness to be a part of this and a list will be compiled and held on file by the Clerk to the Council. This will be advertised on the Community Noticeboard at Rectory Lane (South) and also on the Council Website. There were no requests for help at this stage, but the Clerk will co-ordinate any requests that come in. No contact information will be used without permission being sought in the first instance.

A variety of activities were suggested but help to organise and run any of these was very limited. The views expressed by the under 16's have been noted. However, at this stage the Parish Council are restricted in what can be provided. This is due to lack of finance, lack of places to site such ideas as a park, a skate park etc. These also need supervisors, which involves training and vetting which many are reluctant to undertake.

D) Environment

A variety of suggestions were made but again many of these are not feasible such as Allotments as the Parish Council does not own any suitable land. One suggestion was to buy the Golf Course as a Social Venue but apart from money to make the purchase, who would run it etc. The Council have provided seats and grit bins and actively works towards the maintenance of the village and its environment. Many of the suggestions made are actually the responsibility of the District and County Councils such as noise pollution, fly tipping, road maintenance, Internet/Broadband and traffic problems. The Parish Council will continue to report all such matters to the appropriate authority.

Lack of Community Spirit is very difficult to overcome, but the Parish Council will continue to actively encourage this where possible.

In Conclusion and Justification

The main areas of concern are:

- 1) **Housing:** The Council will oppose medium and large-scale housing developments, but individual applications will be considered on their merits to contain housing where required. In considering any application, the existing infrastructure such as road condition and sewerage capacity will take priority.
- 2) **Caravan Sites:** The Council will actively oppose applications for new Static and Touring Caravan Sites. Development of existing sites will be considered carefully and in the context of the site making the application.
- 3) **Renewable Energy Industry:** The Council will actively oppose the building and installation within Addlethorpe of on-shore Wind Farms and the structures associated with the renewable industry such as sub-stations and electrical compounds.
- 4) **Speeding Cars:** The Council will continue to report to the Police and ask for the Speed Indicator boards to be placed in the village.
- 5) **Footpaths:** The Council will continue to ask the Highways Department about the provision of these.
- 6) **Public Transport:** The Council will write to the Bus Companies and ask about further services and will continue to improve the bus shelter.
- 7) **Neighbourhood Watch:** The Parish Council will investigate the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village. A scheme of this nature would be welcomed but this will need more village involvement on committees and as co-ordinators.

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Mr J. Smedley – a document he prepared about the history of the Parish Council was found in the archives. Mr Smedley was for many years Clerk to the Parish Council.

Mr and Mrs Shrive – History of Addlethorpe Mill.

St Nicholas Church

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