

CARLTON IN LINDRICK PARISH COUNCIL

One of the methods used to monitor the Parish Council's activities involves the role of Government Appointed External Auditors who are required on an annual basis to examine the Council's Accounts and to ensure also that your Council is operating within legal requirements. Once again, this year, the Council has received a "clean bill of health" and a positive report has been received indicating that the Audit Official can find no areas of concern. Sometimes, members of the public may be under the impression that the term "Audit" is confined to financial activities. This is not the case and the Council has to ensure that other activities such as health and safety, risk assessment measures and legal requirements are being addressed in an approved manner by the Council. The Auditors positive response is always very reassuring for both Officers and Members of the Council.

The Parish Council is concentrating particularly on participating in joint arrangements with other organisations in order to minimize the effect of local authority budget cuts. In addition to supporting the Voluntary Committee work being undertaken on the provision of quality Youth Services at the Costhorpe Youth Centre there has been recent discussions with "Advice Bassetlaw" for the provision of family and social advice to local community members at the Civic Centre in Long Lane. Bassetlaw Action Centre is already using the Civic Centre for local needs and other partners will be operating at the Centre in the near future.

Some of you will have noticed that new security fencing has been erected at the Youth Centre in Lawn Road. This property is owned by the Parish Council and the groundwork and now the new fencing at the Centre evidences the Council's intention to provide and maintain quality services within the village both at the Centre and in support of the Trustees at the Civic Centre who work hard with the staff to ensure quality and good standards are available for members of the local community at each Centre. The October meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Youth Centre and all those attending were able to witness examples of activities and projects being undertaken by young people who attend the Centre. It is to the credit of the Youth leader Steve Scotthorne and his staff and volunteers that the Centre is acknowledged on a County wide basis as being a shining example of an initiative being enjoyed by young people and their families and one which channels the young into quality lifestyles.

One again you are reminded that the Parish Council meetings are held at the Civic Centre in Long Lane on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The public is invited to attend and in the meantime, if you do have any concerns or enquiries which you wish to clarify or discuss please contact the Clerk to the Council Peter Goulding on 01909 541127 or Helen Brown (Centre Manager and Administrative Assistant) on the same number who will be happy to help.