

## PARISH COUNCIL

### NEW BURIAL GROUND

Following the completion of the purchase of land in Hundred Acre Lane for burial ground purposes, meetings have been held in order to discuss design and development work for the site. The design will include car parking, visitor's toilet facilities, landscaping and appropriate vehicular and pedestrian access for the site. Costings will be calculated for the scheme and it is hoped that quotation for the proposals will be available in April or May of this year.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

One of the significant issues arising from our public consultations was the community opinion that the rural views on the eastern side of the A60 north of the Riddel Arms should be retained as agricultural land. At the same time, it is acknowledged that some housing development will be needed over the next 15 years or so.

In order to satisfy both of these views, the Steering Group has commissioned a report on the merits of retaining the open aspects east of the A60 whilst at the same time recommending sites within the Parish which may be considered suitable for housing development allocation.

As some of you will be aware, the Bassetlaw District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the whole of the District and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is endeavouring to meet the desires of the local community whilst at the same time conforming to development proposals which could be suggested within the Bassetlaw Local Plan.

Further Group Meetings are to be held in near future with a view to submitting finalized Neighbourhood Plan proposals later this year.

### COUNCIL TAX – 2017/2018

Finally – good news. The Parish Council has proposed a budget for each of its services for 2017/2018 and has determined that for the fourth successive year there will not be any increase in the Parish Precept. This means that community services provided at the Civic Centre and the Youth Centre will continue and grounds maintenance work on highway grass verges, the burial grounds and at Lambert Garden, the Youth Centre and the Civic Centre will be undertaken to the high standard to which we are accustomed. In addition, the Parish Council will continue to support local volunteers and charities providing services in the village for the benefit of residents.

If you have a view on any issues or services provided by the Parish Council you can make your observations to either myself Peter Goulding (Parish Clerk) or Helen Brown (Administrative Assistant) here at the Civic Centre, Long Lane or alternatively come along to a Council Meeting at the Civic Centre held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. (No meeting in August)