

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> May following its appointment on Elections Day 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Councillors Chris Smith and Val Bowles were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively and the Council Sub Committees were re-appointed.

At the Annual Parish Meeting which followed the Council Meeting the following report was received.

### CARLTON IN LINDRICK ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2015

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014, a new Parish Council was appointed for a 4 year term of office. That Council declared a budget requirement and agreed to support a freeze in the Local Council Tax Precept requirements for a 4 year period.

Little did we know at the time that the whole process would be repeated less than 12 months later, as a result of understandable cost saving measures implemented by the District Council when it was agreed that District Council Elections would take place once every 4 years commencing May 2015 and that Parish Council Elections would be re-scheduled to take place on the same day on each occasion.

Notwithstanding the urgent and unexpected new election arrangements, the Parish Council has pursued a programme of work designed to optimize its resources and to support local services for the benefit of the local community. Measures are in place to secure improved services at the Civic Centre and the Youth Centre and to establish the required level of support to officers and volunteers who implement an excellent level of community activities at each of the Centres.

In addition, the Council has worked with the Police, District and County Councillors, the Bassetlaw Citizens Advice Bureau and others in order to coordinate a joint approach in securing services from both Statutory and Voluntary Organisations operating with the Parish.

At a time when Central Government is encouraging more activities at a Local Level for Community Services it is important that Local Councils are “in touch” with local needs and at Carlton the newly appointed Council will endeavour to generate joint initiatives which benefit local residents.

One such initiative is the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan, the initial stages of which have been commenced. This process will allow members of the Community to have a say in how the Parish Area will be developed both residentially and commercially and will also provide an opportunity to secure our Conservation Area Status in the longer term.

The Council communicates effectively with the Community it serves both via an excellent Newsletter Publication circulated to every home in the Parish and through the ever increasing number of participants attending the varied activities at the Civic Centre and the Youth Centre.

The newly created web-site also details all of the decision taken at meetings and enables Council Officers and Members to respond efficiently to issues raised by members of the public.

Meetings of the Council will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Civic Centre (except in August when we don't meet) and the public is reminded that the Council sets

aside at each meeting a period of time for public discussions on any issues of concern or interest which anyone wishes to raise.

Further information on Council activities can always be obtained from Peter Goulding (Clerk) or Helen Brown (Administrations Assistant) on Telephone 541127 or e-mail [parishcouncil@civiccentre.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@civiccentre.org.uk)

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Clerk

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Once again the Council is bringing to your attention that a procedure has been commenced for the preparation and approval of a neighbourhood plan.

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED??? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN!!!!**

The importance of your involvement cannot be over-emphasised. If you have thoughts and ideas on what is required in this village or what you would like to see here in the future, please let us know. The Council is still seeking volunteers to attend a meeting on a once a month basis to talk about housing, leisure, shops, sports and commercial or industrial development you would like to see in this area. If you are interested or want to know more contact Peter Goulding (Clerk) or Helen Brown (Administrative Assistant) at the Civic Centre on 01909 541127 or email [parishcouncil@civiccentre.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@civiccentre.org.uk)