

PARISH OF CARLTON IN LINDRICK
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Local residents will be aware our local Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has undertaken extensive consultations on how the local community would wish to see the Parish develop over the next 10 to 15 years. A wide variety of views have been expressed and incorporated into the Draft Plan and it is now likely to be only a matter of months before the final version of the Plan is made available for public observation prior to submission to the Bassetlaw District Council for approval. Some delay has arisen in the procedure largely because the District Council is at the same time undertaking consultations on the preparation of a District Wide Local Plan and our own Steering Group is endeavouring to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which is compatible with District Planning proposals in order that the approval process can be as efficient as possible.

In the meantime, the Parish Council continues to concentrate on providing within its powers services which enhance environmental conditions within the Village and which provide something of a basis for residents to enjoy where they live.

Resources are allocated to ensure a decent level of grass cutting services within the village including garden maintenance work at the Youth Centre, the Civic Centre, Lambert Gardens and burial grounds at the Church. In addition, work undertaken this year within the new part of the Church burial ground has improved access as well as creating a more pleasant environment for visitors.

The Council has also contributed significantly to the maintenance and continuation of good quality public services at the Civic Centre and at the Youth Centre.

The Civic Centre is managed by a Voluntary Board of Trustees who work with the Centre Manager and her staff to produce and organise community events at the Centre and the Youth Centre is managed by a Voluntary Committee who work with the Youth Leader and his staff in providing a quality service for young persons from the village and surrounding areas. Both the Civic Centre Premises and Youth Centre Premises are owned by the Parish Council which has 15 members who again act in a purely voluntary capacity and work in partnership with staff at the Civic Centre and the Youth Centre.

Most Parish Council Meetings in the current year have been attended by representatives of the Nottinghamshire County Council, the Bassetlaw District Council and the Police so that the broader interests of residents can be discussed and passed on for action by the relevant authority. Members of the public are always encouraged to attend Parish Council Meetings to make known any concerns they have about local services or community activities within the Parish.

Day to day activities involve the Parish Councils continued support for other voluntary organisations within the Village which provide much valued community services and events. Help will continue to be made available to the Carlton News who's volunteers work hard to maintain the quality of a newsletter which always impresses and the Flowers at the Mill occasion is a further event enjoyed by many and which happens as a result of volunteers who care about the Village, its qualities and its residents.

At a time when "austerity" continues to be a theme in public life, the Parish Council endeavours to provide services and support for its local community which represent good value and which add to the quality of life for local residents. Working in partnership with its residents and other providers of public services is essential to achieve best use of available resources – if you have a view – if you have ideas which need exploring or if you need to know more about what can be done please don't hesitate to attend a Parish Council meeting or talk to Civic Centre Staff – we do like to hear your views and we do like to help where we can!

PC Goulding
Clerk