

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL AGM 8th MAY 2018 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Council Members

This is my first AGM meeting as Chairman. My thanks to all Cllr's for their support this year, thanks also to Cllr Brama for his Chairmanship during 2017.

Council Staff

At the time of writing, the council employs 2 members of staff, both are part time positions; this includes Clerk to the Council and our recently appointed Litter Warden.

Megan Remmer took over the Clerk to the Council position in August 2018 from the outgoing Clerk Lucy Pope.

Anna Wray was appointed as Litter Warden 1st May 2018 taking over from David Pattison.

Planning

An application for 5 dwellings on land adjacent to and rear of Applegarth Cottages was made in April 2017, concerns were raised and noted. In July 2017 this application was withdrawn.

HDC as part of their local plan identified 2 sites, 1 as above and 2, land to the west of Harrison View, HDC identified Applegarth site as not fit for purpose.

A number of small planning applications within the year regarding extensions were viewed by the PC, no issues were raised and noted as passed by HDC

Highways

Speeding was seen as an issue within the village and members of the public contacted NYP in April to complain. NYP responded to the PC with the suggestion of a Community Speedwatch Programme (CSW)

Potholes on Main Street were raised as an issue in May, Cllr Patmore noted and would raise with Highways.

The ongoing issue within Beech Tree Court and the sewers were also discussed at length, Yorkshire Water were invited to attend a PC meeting to discuss a remedy to the issue within Beech Tree Court. The PC is yet to receive a response and or intended actions.

Cllr Patmore reported that the A19 is now under highways at County level.

Issues were raised in January 2018 regarding gully cleaning and this was addressed.

Further issue regarding footpaths being blocked by residents parking on them was raised and communication was placed in the Parish newsletter and forum to condemn this activity.

The ongoing issue regarding Ella bridge and the flooding issues have been raised again with County.

Finance

At the time of writing the Council Accounts for 2017/2018 are not yet finalised, the figures to hand suggest a budget surplus.

The precept was set this year at a 4.25% increase, a future increase in costs associated with the Litter Warden and village maintenance to areas previously not maintained are expected this financial year.

106 monies this year have been allocated to such projects as, new bike stands, new benches, village tree maintenance, hedge planting and the re-juvenation of Jauncey Way.

Very soon we hope to start with repairs and refurbishment to the play area equipment.

Also planned is a new notice board to be situated at the front of the village hall.

Environment

CSW has now been in place for a number of months, it has been very well received by members of the public and has already been seen as a successful traffic calming measure within the village. NYP have recently authorised a new site to monitor motorists within the 40MPH area along Jauncey Way. CSW continue to look for volunteers.

Litter has been an issue throughout the village since the resignation of David Pattison and in particular within the play area, this month a new Litter Warden was appointed to deal with this issue and six hours per week have been allocated to litter picking within the village boundaries.

Stephen Orwell continues to communicate with the RAF base and Wing Commander Newbould in an attempt to secure usage of disused allotment space within the camp for villagers. The PC and Chair continue to offer Mr Orwell support.

A new and additional waste receptacle was placed on the play area to encourage litter to be disposed of correctly.

It is planned to consider a sympathetic tidy of the area at the bottom of the play area planted with memorial trees and in addition place a bench in that area.

New benches and bicycle racks already purchased and a yet to be purchased new village notice board are planned to be installed around the village hall, with the removal of the concrete base at the front of the hall to allow for easier access for events held around the Cairne.

The PC have printed and placed dog fouling notices around the village in an attempt to combat the issue of dog fouling, incidents have also been reported to the dog warden.

Play Area

Much needed repair and refurbishment will take place this summer, including a full clean of the equipment. The PC is waiting for final quotations before applying for 106 money re-direction and ultimately to sign off the project.

Green gardens / Steve Powers and CJ Kirby continue to provide contractual services to the PC providing ground maintenance, grass cutting and landscaping. Our sincere thanks for their continued efforts.

Concluding Remarks

I would like to re-iterate my thanks to all members of the PC, to Megan our Clerk for all her support and dedication since taking on the role last summer. My thanks also to County Cllr Patmore and District Cllr Rook for their continued support and reporting. A special thank you as always to Helen Kirby, for her tireless efforts, support and dedication to the PC.