

		4.4.4	Cleaning of pavements of rotting leaves and other debris continues to be a concern within the parish and it is planned to speak with the BIGclean project team to see if this issue can be resolved through this initiative.	RB/AR
	4.5		Dog Fouling	
		4.5.1	Cllr Greybrook reported that there appeared to be an improvement since the installation of the dog waste bins in the village and consideration would be given to the siting of other new bins.	BG
5			Any Other Business	
	5.1		Cllr Roberts reminded the meeting that the parish council are about to embark on the final year term of office and in view of this existing councillors should begin talking to potential members for the next period. It was agreed that nominations would be invited and advertisement would appear in News and Views and on notice boards, the village Facebook page and the Parish Council Website in an effort to obtain a good balance within the council for the future.	ALL
	5.2		With no additional business Cllr Nelson thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed	

Annual Parish Report 2017/18 for Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council

Introduction

1. Please find below reports on the activities of the Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council throughout 2017/18 and including the actions taken following the publication of the revised Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Plan in the summer of 2016. The revised Parish Plan set out the aims and objectives for the Parish for the following five years

Specific Aims and Objectives

3.1 HOUSING

Aim

To support policy H1 (or updated policies that have a similar effect) of the SKDC Local Development Plan Framework, thus ensuring that any future developments within the parish (i) are proportionate to its current size, (ii) reflect the need for affordable, eco-friendly housing, and (iii) minimise pressure on existing local infrastructure

Objectives

- **To support the housing policies of the LDF in ensuring that development is proportionate to the size of the parish and provides affordable housing.**
- **To work with providers to secure additional units of social housing to meet local need.**
- **To encourage social landlords, wherever possible, to provide accommodation for people with local connections and support, e.g. both young families and older people.**

Achievements.

1. **The Planning Committee have met as and when required and have commented in depth on all applications that have come before it.**
2. **It has not been possible to secure any additional units of social housing to meet the local need, quite the reverse in fact as the majority of applications have been for properties at the higher end of the market. We will nonetheless do all we can to help achieve the objectives set.**
3. **It has to be said that SKDC in granting a number of planning applications in the past year appear to totally disregard the impact that such developments will have on the nature and character of our community and have been driven by a need to meet targets set by central Government.**
4. **We have a very good close working relationship with our District Councillor Mr Bob Sampson whose advice and support is greatly valued.**

3.2 ROADS, PARKING AND CONGESTION

Aim

To give the highest priority to resolving the long-standing parking and congestion problems in the parish, liaising with partner agencies as necessary.

Objectives

- To resolve the persistent parking and congestion issues through a combination of traffic calming and rearranged parking strategies.
- To work closely with LCC to bring about improvements to the condition of local roads.
- To work in tandem with LCC and the police authority in introducing educational and enforcement approaches to improve road safety.
- To consider sympathetic herringbone parking in Back Lane at the rear of the school as a step towards alleviating parking problems in the vicinity.

Achievements.

1. With regard to the issue of congestion within our High Street we have agreed that:
 - a. limited use of double yellow lines
 - b. road markings indicating bus stops and
 - c. the creation of an area of hard standing in Back Lane should when implemented go some way to help alleviate the problem.
2. We are working closely with County Cllr. Alexander Maughan whose help and guidance in our dealings so far with LCC Highways has been very useful. It is hoped that the current financial year will see some progress.
3. We have joined Community Speed Watch and as well as displaying signs raising awareness of the statutory limits will be undertaking an exercise with a mobile speed camera in order to get a clear picture as to the extent of the issue.

The condition of local roads has continued to give rise for considerable concern in that:

- (a) repairs are not undertaken in a timely manner and
- (b) that when repairs are carried out it is to such a poor standard that they require further attention within a short space of time We have of course drawn this to the attention of County Cllr Maughan.

3.3 PAVEMENTS AND FOOTPATHS

Aim

To ensure that pavements and public footpaths are 'fit-for-purpose', well maintained and safe for residents of all ages

Objectives

- To implement an integrated educational and enforcement campaign to reduce persistent dog fouling.

- To make more dog waste bins available at strategic places.
- To enlist the help of local voluntary groups in monitoring and reporting blocked pavements and footpaths.
- Through liaison with LCC, to invest in more signage and information boards at strategic places on the footpath network.
- To consider pressing for a footpath to be incorporated into Back Lane in the interests of public safety.

Achievements.

1. The issue of indiscriminate dog fouling has been given a lot of publicity (articles in News & Views and in social media) this will continue for as long as is necessary. As ever it is a small minority of owners who give dog owners in general a bad name. It is interesting to note that our experience locally is mirrored nationally.
 - a. We have recently purchased two new bins for use by dog owners and will be emptying them at our expense.
2. The issue of a footpath along Back Lane has been raised with LCC Highways but was not seen by them as being a priority.
3. We continue to make residents aware of the difficulties that arise when over grown trees and hedges interfere with narrow footpaths.
4. We are looking into the possibility of funding some sensory pavements within the village in order to help visually impaired residents , we are waiting details of costs.

3.4 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Aim

To maintain the current level of local transport links, obtaining improvements where possible, whilst ensuring that the infrastructure of local highways is maintained to as high a standard as possible.

Objectives

- To ensure that the Grantham/Lincoln bus link is maintained and where possible to improve the level of service at the end of each day.
- To advocate with the bus companies, SKDC and LCC about improving east-west public transport options, especially on market days.
- To investigate the re-routing of the Grantham-Lincoln bus service by using both High Street and Old Lincoln Road in Caythorpe, as part of an integrated strategy to reduce congestion.

Achievements.

This is an ongoing area of work which to date has not given rise to any issues.

The possible re-routing of the busses will be considered once all initiatives to help reduce congestion in the High Street have been exhausted.

1. A new bus shelter has been installed in the High Street on the north-bound bus route and will benefit regular users, especially children and students, travelling to nearby educational centres.

3.5 POLLUTION

Aim

To ensure that the parish is a clean, safe and visually appealing environment in which to live and work and that all residents are made aware of the issues of recycling, energy efficiency and sustainability

Objectives

- To continue to promote and improve the waste and recycling services within the parish by working closely with SKDC.
- To continue to work closely with the owners/operators of the local recycling facility and appropriate regulatory bodies in order to ensure that environmental standards are maintained.
- To work closely with all parishioners with regard to the issues of energy efficiency and sustainability.
- To revitalise interest in re-entry into the Lincolnshire Best Kept Village competition.
- To consider instigating 'litter clearing days' involving volunteer teams.

Achievements.

1. The Parish Council continues to work closely with the owners of the local recycling facility who are keen to act upon any issues drawn to their attention with regard to odours, noise and the movement of their transport fleet on local roads.
2. A public meeting was held with the Compliance Director of MID UK Recycling Ltd and we received a detailed brief on the operations at the site.
3. Following a note in News & Views there was no expressions of interest from residents to enter the Best Kept Village competition and your Parish Council having looked more closely at the detail have decided against entering.
4. The PC continue to employ a local litter picker and several volunteers have augmented the valuable work that he does and collected a vast amount of rubbish most of which has been discarded by passing motorists.

5. We will continue to monitor the impact that this has on our environment as well as issues cause by indiscriminate fly tipping which appears to be on the increase.

3.6 SHOPS, BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT

Aim

To ensure that current services are maintained and, where possible, that new enterprises reflect local needs and demands.

Objectives

- To encourage parishioners to use local shops, businesses and facilities in order to support their viability and sustainability.
- When necessary, campaign to ensure that the parish does not lose vital services as these are core to the viability of the entire community.
- To encourage the establishment of new local shops and businesses in line with what parishioners need and want.
- To maintain and consolidate cordial relationships with major local employers such as RAF Cranwell, PGL and Mid UK Ltd so as to make people of working age aware of local employment opportunities.
- To maintain an up-to-date directory of all business activities conducted within or from the parish so that the Parish Council can keep abreast of business and commercial interests and needs locally.

Achievements.

There has been no further significant loss of any shops and or services.

1. The community have been encouraged to use the new Post Office facility within the SPAR shop as concern was expressed that it was not being fully supported.
2. The threatened withdrawal of the licence to sell alcohol by the SPAR shop which would have impacted on its overall financial viability was over turned following strong representation from the Parish Council.
3. At the time of reporting the Waggon and Horses is closed but we understand will be opening again shortly .
4. The issue of closure of the Fish and Chip shop has been referred to SKDC planning officers as we feel it constitutes a loss of a key village service.
5. We continue to explore the possibility of getting a permanent suitable site for the weekly visit of the mobile fish and chip shop.

3.7 CHILDREN AND CHILD CARE

Aim

To protect the valued and hard fought for resources and facilities in the parish currently available to young children and their families

Objectives

- To help ensure that the Children's Centre and pre-school facility are used to their maximum capacity.
- Maximise the involvement of the primary school, Children's Centre and pre-school facility, and young children in general, in planning for activities that affect them directly.
- To enlist help from people who have indicated an interest in volunteer work with young children and families (see section 3.11 on volunteering and skill sharing).
- To explore the feasibility of improving access to childminders, babysitters and holiday play schemes.

Achievements.

Initiatives in order to help achieve these objectives are still being considered, however;

1. the Parish Council contributed £400 towards the cost of a new laptop for use by the Caythorpe Pre-school.

3.8 RECREATION AND LEISURE

Aim

To help ensure that all residents are provided with a broad a range of facilities and activities that serve their leisure and recreational needs, taking into account the parish catchment area and available resources

Objectives

- To continue to explore sites for a new village hall.
- To improve the range of activities for younger people, particularly teenagers, drawing on advice and expertise from young people themselves.
- To explore the scope for more age-integrated leisure activities.

Achievements.

There are a good range of leisure activities but work needs to be done to help ensure that they cover a wider age range than currently. Whilst a new site for the Village Hall is highly desirable it is totally dependent on areas of farm land adjacent to the village becoming available, this is not seen as being likely in the short to medium term.

There are concerns over that fact that the Playing Field Committee are currently unable to organise and run a number of previously held fund raising activities which are key to the longer term financial health of the facility. The PC will be monitoring the situation.

3.9 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Aim

To ensure that the parish continues to be a secure and safe environment in which to live

Objectives

- To assess the scope for introducing traffic calming and rearranged parking options in order to improve road safety.
- To review the reintroduction of a local home-watch scheme.
- To help ensure that parishioners are not subject to anti-social behaviour by working closely with both SKDC and the local police authority.

Achievements.

The Parish Council at its meetings continues to monitor the levels of anti-social behaviour and crime which without being complacent are considered to be low.

1. A meeting held by the Lincolnshire' Police and Crime Commissioner at which the PC was represented, and a number of our concerns were answered in a positive way including the undertaking to maintain use of the Rural Beat Office on Old Lincoln Road.
2. The issue of traffic in the High Street in particular as noted above is under consideration.

The parish is not of course crime free, e.g. a series of thefts of heating oil over the Easter weekend which demonstrates the need for residents to be vigilant and keep their possessions as secure as possible.

3.10 THE ENVIRONMENT

Aim

To ensure that the local countryside is accessible to all for leisure and recreational purposes.

Objectives

- Liaise with the Caythorpe Walking for Health group and SKDC to extend the availability of information on local walks and footpaths through the production of maps and leaflets.
- To support the maintenance of all current footpaths, bridleways and public rights of way in liaison with local landowners, LCC and local voluntary groups.
- To ensure that the local farmland is maintained for the production of food and the enjoyment of the public by actively opposing any inappropriate developments on good quality agricultural land.

Achievements.

1. The Parish Council have previously worked closely with the owner of Caythorpe Hall in order to be able to find a solution with regard to the footpath that runs between Caythorpe and Fulbeck.
2. It was pleasing to note that as a result of local pressure and representation that the previously permitted activity of the storage and transportation of straw on Fulbeck Airfield has now ceased. The decision to grant permission in the first place was in the view of the PC totally flawed as the local infrastructure was incapable of supporting such an activity.
3. The ever present threat which has existed for some time of a large wind turbine farm adjacent to the village now no longer exists as plans to have such a facility have now been withdrawn.

The fact that our community has faced two significant projects within a short space of time can only demonstrate that future members of the PC and all residents will have to be ready and willing to look in considerable detail at all aspects of any future projects in order to assess their likely impact on what continues to be a very rural environment.

The Caythorpe Walking for Health continues to thrive.

3.11 VOLUNTEERING AND SKILL SHARING

Aim

To exploit the untapped reservoir of human capital in the parish by enlisting more volunteers of all ages to support community activities.

Objectives

- To develop a skills and interests data bank reflecting community talent and ensure that it is put to good use.
- Make appeals for assistance with specific activities from volunteers in preference to making generalised appeals.
- Assist local clubs, societies and groups to recruit younger people to their committees and task groups.

Achievements.

The lack of volunteers is a growing concern and recent attempts to get help with News & Views and to help run fund raising sporting events at the Playing Fields both failed to get any responses. Fortunately, we were lucky enough to find excellent people to take on News and Views without whom the continued future of the publication was very much under review. It will require continued effort and publicity if our community is to realise that the present high level of activities which we all enjoy requires everyone to be prepared to come forward and offer a contribution and not just leave it to the few to give their time.

3.12 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Aim

To ensure that all parishioners are able to access up-to-date and accurate information with regards to all issues of importance in the parish and to encourage wider participation in parish events.

Objectives

- To continue to support the redeveloped parish newsletter, News and Views, by ensuring that it is properly funded, with news and information contributions from as many residents and interest groups as possible.
- To encourage greater involvement by parishioners in the local community by widely publicising all parish activities.
- To upgrade the design of the parish council website with an eye on its user-friendliness.
- To encourage greater use of parish Face book pages as an effective route to speedy fact-finding and information dissemination.
- To consider enabling IT classes for all, but especially older residents, so that the full benefits of IT and social media can be reaped.
- Consider holding occasional 'meet the councillor' evenings to familiarise the community with its locally elected representatives.
- To continue the search for a central resource office for community activities including IT.

Achievements.

1. News and Views continues to flourish with its new Joint Editors Laura and Pete Leeds having taken over the baton from Tony Case they are continuing to produce a high quality publication which local businesses are keen to advertise in and thus help pay for its production costs.
2. The Parish Council is now using its face book page facility as well as the one for the village.
3. The Parish Council website is kept up to date by the Parish Clerk and is a very useful source of information both past present and future

Councillor Bruce Nelson
Chairman
Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council

9th March 2018