



		parking for the school and pre-school with much of the problem being due to staff parking. It was suggested that the local authority should be involved to assist with this issue.	
	4.5	<b>Dog Fouling</b>	
	4.5.1	Cllr Greybrook reported that there had recently been a slight improvement with this issue but remained an area for on-going action and attention. He stated that lamp-post labels had been ordered through SKDC and a working group would ensure that these are installed once received.	BG
	4.5.2	Although not directly related to this subject Cllr Brooke noted that there is a problem developing in the village from cars being parked on pavements and causing an obstruction to the public. It was suggested that the local PCSO should be involved to issue notices to the offending parties.	
	4.6	<b>Pollution</b>	
	4.6.1	Although there had been a vast improvement in this area by closer working arrangements with MidUK recycling it was noted that measures should be taken to ensure that water vapour and dust from the site should never cause a threat to the village.	
	4.6.2	Mrs Sue Dix raised the issue of rubbish being dumped in a stream near the village	
	4.6.3	Cllr Roberts had evidence of Sunday working at the MidUK site and of hours being worked that are outside those agreed, namely before 0615 hrs. Cllr Ashcroft agreed to take up this issue with MidUK.	GA
	4.7	<b>Children and Leisure</b>	
	4.7.1	Following a question about play equipment at the Playing Fields Cllr Nelson confirmed that the equipment had an annual inspection to meet health and safety requirements and in addition was given a visual inspection on a weekly basis.	
	4.8	<b>Volunteers</b>	
	4.8.1	The issue of not getting volunteers to come forward was raised and it was suggested that as advertisements in News and Views were not having the desired effect that help should be requested on a one to one basis.	
	4.8.2	It was also suggested that new-comers to the village should be encouraged to join in with events as it gave them opportunity to become part of the community. It was noted that Fulbeck use a welcome pack for their new-comers and that this initiative should be considered for Caythorpe.	
	4.8.3	Carol Tointon commented on the benefits of using a parish facebook page and noted that since being controlled there was an improvement of the content and better control of inappropriate language.	
	5	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	5.1	Cllr Roberts thanked Chairman Nelson for the presentation and for his leadership over the past 12 months and additionally stated that the Parish Council member's professional approach to all matters within the Parish was a benefit to all concerned.	
	5.2	With no additional business Cllr Nelson thanked all for attending and the meeting was closed	

## **Annual Parish Report 2016/17 for Caythorpe and Frieston**

### **Introduction**

1. Please find below reports on the activities of the Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council throughout 2016/17 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
2. The Parish Plan was produced following analysis of an extensive consultation process with the local community. At a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the Council gave its response to the updated parish plan. The General comments were as follows:-
3. The Parish Council welcomed the updated Village Plan, particularly because of the high percentage of the community who responded to the widely canvassed questionnaire. It was invaluable to the parish's elected representatives to know what was on the mind of the community. The parish council resolved to take the following general steps:-
  - a. Make other tiers of local and national government and representative bodies serving the area including Police, Fire, local utilities and Health aware of the contents of the Plan by supplying copies of the document to them and asking for a response
  - b. Many of the Plan's aspirations did not fall within the powers or the financial resources of the Parish Council to implement e.g. road repairs or the granting of planning permission for development. However, in many instances the Parish Council was a consultee (often on a statutory basis) .Consequently the parish council was able to feed in the views of the community either directly to the other body or through the appropriate representative, e.g. either local District or County Councillors, both of whom take an active interest in the affairs of the parish. This could be referred to as an "advocacy" role for the parish council. In fulfilling this role the parish council was be able to reflect the views of the community as set out in the Plan.
  - c. The Council would assess those community priorities set out in the Plan to consider where it could apply some of its limited financial resources to help to address particular issues. The Council has in the past worked with other partners and funding organisations to deliver particular initiatives, for example play equipment in the Playing Field and the parish allotments.
  - d. Even if issues arose which have not been contemplated by the Plan (or the Parish Council) at that stage the plan feedback could set a context which could be used by the Parish Council in formulating a response.
4. The Council then went on to consider the detailed issues set out in the plan. These Aims and Objectives are set out in the following pages of this Report and for ease of reference follow the same order as set out in the Revised Plan. At the end of each main section I have set out any Achievements which we have made during the 2016/17 civic year.

## Specific Aims and Objectives and Achievements

### 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.

The Planning Committee have met as and when required and have commented in depth on all applications that have come before it.

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.

We have a very good close working relationship with our District Councillor Mr Bob Sampson and we continue to work closely with SKDC.

### 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 SKDC 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.**

A detailed letter was sent to County Councillor Mr Richard Davies (LCC Highways portfolio holder) following the production of the new Parish Plan and a meeting was held in Caythorpe with him in the autumn. There is an ongoing dialogue with LCC Highways although it has to be said that they are not that receptive at this stage to our ideas and plans and in particular the provision of parking on Back Lane.

One possibility is for the Parish Council to invite contractors to submit a design and build area of parking next to the school along Back Lane

The condition of local roads is still poor and the workmanship when repairs are made leaves a lot to be desired.

The support and advice that we have had on both of the above issues from County Councillor Mr Paul Wood has been excellent.

A number of other initiatives that have been identified will be considered once a decision has been made with regard to Back Lane.

### **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 poo 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.**

The issue of indiscriminate dog fouling has been given a lot of publicity ( articles in News & Views and a leaflet being sent to all households) 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.

The issue of a footpath along Back Lane has been raised with LCC Highways but was not seen by them as being a priority.

### 3.4 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.

### 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.**

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. An exercise hosted by Lincs Fire & Rescue Service in conjunction with the owners was attended by members of your Parish Council and District Councillor Mr Bob Sampson considered how best to deal with a major incident at the site.

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.

Plans for litter clearing days are in hand.

## **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.

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.

The uncertainty over the future of the Waggon and Horses continues especially in light of the fact that planning permission which was opposed by the Parish Council and refused by SKDC has now been granted by the Planning Inspectorate for the building of two houses on its garden and car park.

We continue to explore suitable sites for the weekly visit of the mobile fish and chip shop.

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.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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.

The issue of traffic in the High Street in particular is under consideration.

### 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.

The Parish Council have worked closely with the owner of Caythorpe Hall and with the support of County Councillor Mr Paul Wood hope to be working towards a solution with regard to the footpath that runs between Caythorpe and Fulbeck.

It was disappointing to note that permission was eventually given for the storage of straw (to be used in a bio mass incinerator in Sleaford) at a location on the edge of our village. This has a major impact on the volume of local traffic and on the condition of local roads.

There has been discussion with Caythorpe Walking for Health group as it may no longer be supported by SKDC. although it is hoped that this well supported initiative will come under the organisational umbrella of

### 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. It will require continued effort and publicity .

### 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.**

**News and Views continues to flourish with its Editor Mr Tony Case producing a high quality publication which local businesses are keen to advertise in and thus help pay for its production costs. The recent purchase by the Parish Council of a new laptop will enable the publication to be produced more easily. The Parish Council is now using its face book page facility as well as the one for the village. A review will take place of the website as it is felt that its look and feel can be improved.**

**Councillor Bruce Nelson  
Chairman  
Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council**

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**