

## Chairman's APM Report 2017/18

The council is at full complement with the co-option of Sarah Dobbs and Sarah Anderson replacing Ken White and James Swallow.

We continue to spend your money for the benefit of the community: - **Village Hall** - Removal of trees in the park and submitted the planning application for the extension. **Village Voice** - donation, **Garden Club** - Replace the Parish Council Cup which is 'battered and over cleaned` with a shield awarded for *Best Front Garden*, **Lindsey Lodge Hospice Hibaldstow Room Appeal** - donations and supporting the Tour of Britain of North Lincs, involving the children from the school, painted bikes around the village, raising £2,000, with thanks to Andrew Elletson and Robert Borrill. **Closed churchyard and Cemetery** (Not the Churchyard extension) are maintained and a water tap has been installed in the cemetery with thanks to Julie Coulson and David Charlton.

With a view to encourage residents to take a pride in the village we provide the flower beds and enter the CPRE - Best Kept Village Competition which resulted in being classed as "Most Improved." This despite the actions of vandalism consisting of : - Break-ins and damage to the Village Hall, the road traffic mirrors at Crockett`s Lane/West Street and Hunt`s Lane/ Becksides, having to be replaced, the bus shelter near the co-op being continually, plants taken from the flower beds, a play area swing damaged and replaced, wall copping stones pushed off the church Hall wall together with other acts, all of which have resulted in the formation of a Community Group with support from Safer Neighbourhood and local Police. – The next meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00-12.00. - ALL ARE WELCOME.

NLC have offered the PC to take on the responsibility and maintenance of Dallison`s Park. They have recently removed the slide which they will not be replacing. The Parish Council invite residents views on the future use of this.

The Nellie Harpham shield was presented to John Wragg for overseeing the refurbishment of the play area project. One nomination this year is Max Ibbotson, a teenager who volunteered to carry out litter-picking duties within the park and other community areas in the village as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award, an example to all.

11th November 2018 marks the end of the WW1 and the Parish Council have been approached by the Pageant master organising the event across the UK to taking part in this tribute in the form of lighting a beacon on the aerodrome at 7pm. The Parish Council have requested the Parochial Church Council to participate by ringing the church bells at 7.05pm: Battle's Over - Ringing out for peace. The PCC have not yet decided. Further details throughout the year.

Councillors and clerk have attended various training sessions to be able to undertake their roles and responsibilities of an ever-changing workload much of which is imposed by Government, thanks to all.

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