



North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council



Quarterly Newsletter Winter 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all Parishioners a Happy New Year and trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas. As the festive season draws to a close we would like to express our thanks to all those involved in the provision of the Village Christmas tree.

In particular we would like to make mention of Highfield's Transport for both sponsoring the tree itself and for supplying the lifting apparatus for its erection. We must also pass on our appreciation to Emma and Steve at the Royal

Oak for allowing us to erect the tree on their premises and for supplying the electricity for the lights (not to mention the provision of refreshments whilst



we were putting the tree up and taking it down). Whilst letters

of thanks have been sent to all the people who gave of their time and effort to assist us in providing this much loved village tradition, the Parish Council thought it right and proper to show our appreciation in a more public manner.

Once again thanks to everyone who helped – your generous assistance ensured that a large measure of Christmas cheer was successfully provided for the village.

REDUCTION IN HOUSEHOLD PAYMENTS AS PARISH COUNCIL SETS BUDGET FOR 2019-2020



After a thorough review the

Parish Council has agreed a robust budget for the next financial year (April 2019 to March 2020) whilst at the same time minimising our “precept” (funding) request to Bassetlaw District Council. This has been achieved by taking money from our cash reserves and by reducing our forecast expenditure. We are pleased to announce therefore that our application to BDC for 2019-2020 has been set at £17,000 which, when compared to the 2018-2019 figure of £20,000, represents a significant cost saving to Council Tax payers.

The above saving will result in a reduction in annual contribution per Band D household from the current figure of

£57.76 to £49.89. (i.e. a new monthly cost of just over £4.00 per month!!!)

We are confident that, whilst offering this saving, we will be able to maintain the same standard of service to the Parish - the main areas of provision being;

- The maintenance of a statutory operating reserve as laid down by Central Government
- The services of a mandatory “Proper Officer” (Clerk)
- Compulsory insurances and audit services
- The services of a village handyperson to undertake general tasks on behalf of both the Parish Council and District Council

- The services of a Village Lengthsman to undertake general tasks on behalf of the County Council
- Grass cutting throughout the village (including the churchyard)
- Regular maintenance of the play equipment and memorial gardens in the playing field
- Regular maintenance of all other assets owned by the Parish Council (benches, notice boards, grit bins etc.)
- The upkeep of the village website and publication of the PC newsletter
- Reserves for the undertaking of (or contribution towards) a traffic calming initiative within the village
- Reserves for the undertaking of (or

contribution towards)
major repairs and/or
refurbishment of PC
assets

- Reserve fund for use
in emergency
situations should they
arise

Full details of our budget
can be found on the
village website

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR VILLAGE TIDY



Could we
politely ask
for members of
the public to help us in
our ongoing task of
trying to keep the village
looking neat and tidy?

In particular could we
suggest that if you spot
an item of litter, rather
than just walking by,
why not pick it up and
place it in one of the
numerous litter bins

scattered about the
village. Our village
handyperson and Village
Lengthsman are doing a
magnificent job but even
they can't be everywhere
all the time!

Our second request is
targeted at those
people/organisations that
attach notices etc. to
lamp posts, telegraph
poles and the like. Could
you please take the time

to remove your posters
when the event you are
publicising has
occurred?

Your assistance and
support would be very
much appreciated.

Thank you in
anticipation

STAN HIGHFIELD

It is with great sadness
that we note the
passing of Stan Highfield.
Stan and his company
have, for many years,
been unstinting in their
support of both the Parish
Council and the

community. Our
thoughts and
sympathies go out to
his family and in
particular to his wife
Marjorie.

Goodbye Stan and
thank you.



SPEEDWATCH



I am afraid to report that no speedwatch has been done since October due to my hospitalisation for an operation which I am pleased to report went very well, I am now back to normal and raring to get back

to checking speeds of vehicles travelling through our village.

Throughout 2018 we checked 1824 vehicles with 129 travelling over 35mph working out at 7%, in 2017 we checked 2517 vehicles with 140 speeders working out to

5.5%. We try to go out at different times of the day and locations but find that vehicles travelling into the village from Retford are the worst offenders.

Sue Ferguson
Speedwatch Co-ordinator

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



A reminder that it is planned to have a Book of Remembrance in the Levertons. It will contain the names of one time residents of the parish who have died and whose relatives or friends have requested their inclusion.

If you would like a name included please ask Peter Dadd, (01427 884191), Mike Vessey or Colin

Walker for a form by the end of February. There is no charge, but donations to the Church in the Levertons will be gratefully received.

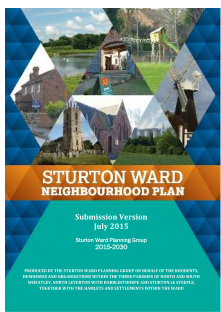
We thank those who have already applied for their relatives to be included and also sincerely thank those who have given accompanying donations.

Subsequent editions of both the Parish and Church News Letters will

explain how the book will be arranged and where it will be kept.

Peter Dadd,
(on behalf of the trustees)





NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

AN OPPORTUNITY TO

GET INVOLVED

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. It can;

- Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

So it provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop in ways that meet identified local need and

make sense for local people. A Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the Local Plan prepared by the local planning authority, and decisions on planning applications will be made using both the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan, and any other material considerations.

What's Happened So Far?

Sturton Ward produced a Neighbourhood Plan in 2015, and has now begun the process of updating and revising that Plan. The principle objective is for the Parish Councils to control the type of housing development in the Ward's three villages, North and South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, North Levertton with Habbleshthorpe, and the associated hamlets of

Bole, Coates, Fenton, Littleborough and West Burton.

A Steering Group has been formed from representatives of the Parish Councils, and with assistance from representatives of Bassetlaw District Council and local volunteers has begun the process of producing a revised plan. This included a 'call for sites' in September 2018, to which a number of landowners have responded proposing a good range of potential development sites. Meetings have been held to discuss the process, the additional information needed in the plan to keep it in line with the latest guidance, and the process to gather that information.

These meetings have been open to the public to attend, and a meeting held specifically

to outline and explain the process for the public was held in North Wheatley in October 2018.

What's Going to Happen Next?

Bassetlaw will publish its Local Plan in January 2019 which will outline the development landscape in which our Neighbourhood Plan will sit. We will employ external expertise to provide information for the plan in the form of

Housing Needs and Character assessments.

The potential sites proposed for development will need to be evaluated and decisions made around which are preferred, and for what types of development.

Why Should I Get Involved?

Put simply, local development affects all of us, and this is an opportunity for all of us to have our say in the

type of development that takes place. Anyone can attend meetings, listen to others and express their opinions before the draft plan is put to a local referendum.

Documents, minutes of meetings and dates of future meetings throughout the process will be available at;

www.sturtonward.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2019/

POLICE REPORT



Some auto crimes are being reported across adjoining beat areas, and historically across this one, which could be prevented by adopting basic security measures around vehicles. Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same. There are criminals out

and about who randomly visit villages in order to check on vehicle insecurities. They will try door handles of vehicles of vehicles parked on the public highway or on private driveways.

Nottinghamshire Police have issued a warning after a rise in fraudsters pretending to be police officers. The force has received a number of reports where people have been called by

someone posing as a police officer and told their help is needed in an undercover investigation into a bank. They are then asked to dial 999 to verify that the person they are talking to is a police officer before they go any further.

However, this is a tactic used by fraudsters where the suspect stays on the line without the victim realising – so, they

have actually stayed connected to the suspect, and not dialled 999. I have also witnessed similar incidents where fraudsters have used this technique purporting to be from a bank.

If you believe you have been called by a bogus police officer, report the incident to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre, on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk Anyone who thinks they have lost money through this scam should contact police on 101 so that evidence can be preserved as quickly as possible. I have been informed of a further scam where residents with outside letter boxes, especially the sort you

can get your hand into, are being targeted. Fraudsters gain occupants of the property details from post left in the box. They can then research for further details on the occupants, including dates of birth, before opening a bank account and arranging an overdraft in the property occupant's name. A couple of days later, a bank card arrives by post. The fraudsters have made enquiries into postal delivery times and are able to steal the card in the same way as they initially obtained occupants of the property details. The resident would have no idea of the fraudster's involvement until the first statement arrives.

Please be aware of persons loitering in this way and, as always, report this type of activity to our control room.

The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures relatively low across the beat area.

Thank you for your vigilance and support.

PCSO Dave Airey

My number is 07525 226838 and E mail is david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk. PC 3467 Gareth Mitchell is the beat manager his number is 07976 173926 and E mail is gareth.mitchell@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk. Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/or crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters.

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Parish Council Meetings

February 4th 2019

March 4th 2019

April 1st 2019

May 13th 2019

June 3rd 2019

July 1st 2019

**Don't forget to visit the Parish Council website at
www.sturtonward.org.uk.**