

Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Cranwell Village Hall, Old School Lane, Cranwell Village, Lincolnshire, NG34 8DF, on Tuesday 17 April 2018.

Attendance: With Cllr H J Morris in the Chair there were present,
Cllrs – Mrs C Harper, Mr G Hutchinson, Mrs P Jackson-Bareham,
Mr N McGill, Mrs A Riley, Mrs A Tyler, Mr F Walters and the Clerk, Mr E Findlay.

11 members of the public were in attendance.

At 7:00 pm, the Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting for Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap.

55. Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Cranwell Village Hall on Tuesday 4 April 2017 to be approved as Minutes.

The notes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Mr Morris and approved as a true record of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017.

56. Receive the Chairman's report for 2017/18 from, Cllr Helen Morris.

Good Evening everyone and welcome.

- i. This year we have a full complement of NINE councillors serving a Parish Ward of approximately 2,600 parishioners this includes Cranwell Village, RAF College Cranwell, Brauncewell and Byard's Leap. Cllr Carole Harper took up post as Vice-Chairman on 8th May 2017. Cllr Niel McGill joined us on 11 September 2017.
- ii. Data Protection Regulations has now become a dominant part of how The Parish Council conduct their business and this will come in to effect on the 24 May 2018.
- iii. Your Parish Councillors are all volunteers and dedicate a lot of their time throughout the year to ensure their areas of responsibilities are maintained and parishioner's requests are reported back to the Parish Council. Councillors also work or are volunteers for many other organisations and also serve on other committees. Should you have any questions or queries Councillors will be happy to chat about their areas of responsibilities over refreshments at the end.
- iv. I wish to express my thanks to all Parish Councillors and Members of the Public who diligently walk around the Parish bringing information back for our attention. Thank you also to The Village Hall Management Committee, The Social Club, Lou Short Community Development Officer. Not forgetting Wendy Shippy for her cheerful approach and support throughout the past year.
- v. Thank you to Mr Eddie Findlay our Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer who is in no doubt the stalwart and linchpin of this organisation. Each year more work is passed down from local governments to Parishes and Eddie has been very busy this year.
His professional approach to work and dealing with the vast amount of correspondence daily is commendable. He is adept and qualified in a wide area of subjects and we councillors benefit from his expertise on all the Regulations required. He is an excellent negotiator for your Parish when dealing with difficult issues from organisations.

**57. Receive the Financial report for 2016/17 from the Responsible Finance Officer, Mr Eddie Findlay.
Income**

Starting with a carried forward figure of **£64,166**, the Parish Council received **£35,320** from NKDC, broken down as **£35,093** precept and **£227** Council Tax Support Grant.

Miscellaneous receipts include grants and other small funding streams, mainly from NKDC and LCC. The litter picking grant is currently at **£579**, for which the Parish Council thank NKDC for their support in this area. The Parish Council are determined to maintain their litter picking frequency to ensure the village is kept in the condition residents expect.

Other income streams include a grant of **£367** from LCC towards maintaining the grass verges with the 30mph. This only covers two cuts per year and the parish now funds the other 14 cuts, to maintain the verges in a reasonable condition.

Rents received by hiring out the Old School was **£5,484** and Fixed Term Deposit interest **£339**.

Expenditure for the year was £33,810

Insurance is obviously a large annual expenditure, currently just short of **£2,673**.

Funds continue to be set aside Ring-fenced monies for the re-surfacing of the car park in front of the Social Club continue to grow (£15,000), Social Club roof (£3,000) and when sufficient funds are available the Council will ensure a quality product is obtained. Ring-Fenced monies = £46,843.

Other outgoings included ongoing maintenance for the Garden of Remembrance, the Village Hall, the Village Green, the Old School, litter picking and miscellaneous repairs.

Grounds maintenance has always been a significant area of expenditure at over **£8,600**, this was usually offset by receiving grants from LCC for grass cutting undertaken on behalf of the County. As reported earlier, LCC only provide funding for two cuts of the grass verges within the 30mph zones. The Parish Council have taken on this responsibility as it is believed nobody wishes to see ("Mediterranean" type overgrown verges). This was added onto the Grounds Maintenance contracts for the next three years

The Parish Council also maintain various other verges, the playing fields, the children's play area and the Village Green, whilst also making a contribution towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

As with both District and County Councils, the Parish Council may, when considering future budgets, review a number of the services it funds and consider where savings can be made.

As reported a couple of years ago, the bank account for the Sports Pavilion Fund now falls under Parish Council control. This is for financial administrative purposes only and money raised for the Pavilion will only ever be used for this project. That fund currently stands at **£11,053**, giving the Parish Council carried forward amount of **£79,553**.

The Parish Council strive to use funds carefully to ensure the parish is maintained in a condition you, as residents expect.

The Parish Council will be planning their budget for Financial Year 2019/2020 in November 2018, so if you have any ideas for projects, please does pass them to us (costings etc. included) prior to this date to allow time for all project to be considered.

58. Receive brief reports from visiting representatives;

a. Sleaford Rural North Policing Team – PCSO Colin Ironmonger

Covering areas such as Cranwell, Ruskington and Billingham, the team had seen a slight rise in overall reported crime (317 last year to 325 this year) with 44 of those being from the Cranwell area, mainly suspicious vehicles. There was a 19% reduction in reported burglaries with the teams area.

It was National Speed Awareness day on 18 April 2018 so a number of teams would be at various locations throughout the day.

PCSO Ironmonger was then asked about the problems with hare coursing and he was happy to report that the seizure of both the vehicles and the dogs of anybody caught, had lead to a 37% reduction as the dogs were worth a lot of money to those involved.

A possible abandoned vehicle was brought to his attention and he would look into the matter.

b. Warden & Security Services – Mr Phil Orme was unable to attend due to work commitments.

c. Evergreen – Becky Mayfield and Betty Neal

Evergreen Sleaford is a befriending service is for elderly residents, who live alone and are mainly housebound. Evergreen endeavours to respond to these needs within a 10 mile radius of Sleaford. It is a free and confidential service aimed at starting committed friendships which may reduce and prevent the isolation experienced by those who may not have family or friends close by. The aim of the Befriender is to step in and become that friend and that as the relationship develops, it will prove to be mutually enriching and rewarding. If you could offer one or two hours of your time every week, please contact Evergreen Sleaford via telephone: 07707 260822, email:

info@evergreensleaford.org.uk or visit their website www.evergreensleaford.org.uk

d. RAFC Cranwell updates – Wing Commander Mike Beresford.

Wg Cdr Beresford first gave a précis of the role of 3 Flight Training Squadron, based at RAFC Cranwell, the Tri-Service nature of the Squadron and the various training they undertook. The new Operations building had now been completed and tours of the complex could be arranged, via the

Parish Council.

RAFC Cranwell continues to be one of the busiest training Stations within the RAF. The length of Initial Officer Training had been reduced in length, but the number of course per year had increased, along with the number of students on each course. The Station continues to provide all aspects of selection and recruitment of Officers and specialist branches and provides the Headquarters for all RAF recruitment activities across the UK.

Programme Portal will see RAFC Cranwell become the single gateway to the RAF, with the expected relocation of Recruit Training Squadron from RAF Halton to RAFC Cranwell by 2022.

The Ministry of Defence is assessing how to house its personnel in the future. The initial 25 year rental contract with Annington Homes is coming to an end may not be repeated and as such the MOD is looking at various methods, which could see the sale of all its housing stock and then renting accommodation to allow Service Families to integrate fully into local communities, or by encouraging home ownership.

e. Vice Chair of Governors for Cranwell Primary School – Mrs Karen Seddon

Cranwell Primary School is a Foundation co-educational primary school for children aged 4 to 11 years with around 310-320 pupils aged 4-11 years of age, situated in rural Lincolnshire five miles northwest of Sleaford. The school lies on the edge of Royal Air Force College Cranwell and serves two communities in its rural setting; the village of Cranwell and the RAF College and Station at Cranwell. The issues of serving the families of Service personnel stationed means mobility through pupil turnover is a unique aspect to the school, which the school is proud to manage outstandingly. Approximately 35-45% of the school population changes within an academic year.

The school has a tradition of settling in new pupils and giving each of them a sound reassuring base for their educational development with a varied and stimulating curriculum to capture their interest and support. Their success and achievements have been acknowledged with awards for Health and Fitness, ICT and the Arts.

The school has no formal religious affiliation, but as it was formed in 1963 by the amalgamation of the Aerodrome School and the village's church school, there are close links with all the local churches through their visiting clergy, Royal Air Force Chaplains, and church links represented on the governing body. The local Parochial Parish Church Council work very closely with the school and provide frequent whole school assemblies adopting the 'Open the Book' - presenting the Bible in an accessible and enjoyable way.

The high mobility (movement of RAF dependents) can often be an unsettling period for children and families, not only for the families arriving or leaving, but for the children of permanent residence in and around Cranwell who may lose a friend or a group of friends through such mobility. To support the children and families during these times is a specialised skill to which our caring staff are fully adept at performing.

f. LIVES/First Responders – Marie Roffey

When a "999" call is made within the responder's local area, the Ambulance Service despatch an Emergency Ambulance and a first responder. Because the responder is local, they can usually reach a patient within a matter of minutes, providing potentially life saving care before an ambulance arrives.

Marie is now a Level 4 Responder, along with a Level 3 and 2 Level 2 responders, and along with Paramedic Andy Robinson, they provide a larger "skill set" for the village.

Fund raising is paramount to their continued existence as they are required to purchase their own equipment, training and drugs. They are investigating "blue lights" for Andy, but they cost in the region £1,700.00.

g. Cranwell Sports Pavilion Fund update – Cllr Helen Morris

This Committee is comprised of just six volunteers (4 Parish Councillors and 2 Parish members) we are still without a replacement Project Manager, some have showed great interest but not taken up the post.

The fund currently stands at total £11053.60 a huge thank you to all Committee Members and those from the Parish who have helped us so generously in our work so far.

The plan is for a Modular, or a log cabin type building; which as you would think with all the funding offers out there we would have no problems BUT on applying for grants to actually get funding for a building is not so easy as organisations insist the money is spent within a limited time of 1 year but our need is a building first, as the porta cabins are constantly in use and we still need the old buildings to work from.

On a positive note we have the land to build on with the all the required utilities in place, water, sewerage and electricity.

There is a thriving Junior Football Club with dedicated Coaches using the Sports Field every weekend. They are an FA Charter Standard Club; Football for all led by Qualified Licensed Coaches; Weekly Training Sessions held Saturday mornings 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

For more information: cranwelljfc@gmail.com

Also a very well supported Bowling Club using their green during the Spring and Summer months and indoor bowling in the Hall in Winter.

Tennis Courts used all year and there is varied equipment sited on the Sports Field for all age groups and an under 12's play area.

h. District Council report. District Councillor Steve Clegg D/Cllr Clegg was in attendance and he presented a report on behalf of himself, D/Cllr Gray, who was absent, and North Kesteven District Council.

A new depot and seven business units alongside it are due to be completed in Metheringham this spring – on time and on budget. North Kesteven District Council is investing in the facility on Scoley Court to enable its waste and recycling services to continue to operate as efficiently as possible now and as more homes are built in the area, and also to support businesses and enable them to grow and flourish. Each year, the Council collects more than 3.4 million general, recycling and garden waste bins.

The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was adopted by the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) on 24 April 2017 and it now replaces the Local Plans of the City of Lincoln, West Lindsey and North Kesteven District Councils.

i. County Council report. County Councillor Storer was not present, had sent no apologies, nor provided a written report.

59. Future Projects. Members of the public are invited to suggest any projects/improvements that the Parish Council might take up in the future.

Nothing was suggested by the members of the public present.

60. Public Discussion and Questioning. Members of the public may comment on any Parish issues and direct their comments to the Parish Council or any of the visiting representatives.

The Members of the public were very disappointed that County Councillor Storer had not bothered to attend as he was well aware of a number of issues concerning a large number of residents to do with the closure of a public right of way (Footpath No.3.).

It was requested that this disappointment be noted in the Minutes and a reason for non-attendance be sought.

61. Close of the Meeting. All relevant issues would be taken forward to a future Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

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Printed Name:

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