

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PLANNING UPDATE:

We are in the final stages of the revision of the Plan taking into account not only your responses to the recent consultation but also from feedback from ELDC and also the inspection report on the Horncastle Plan. That Plan has many areas of commonality with ours and the inspector's comments were invaluable in understanding what will "pass" an inspection. As a result, we have slimmed down and rationalised the Plan policies. The intent is to go back to you for another consultation on the revised Plan and then, having taken account of any further responses, prepare the Plan for a formal consultation and inspection.

For those not aware of recent developments, the Horncastle Plan was approved at the recent referendum and will now be submitted to ELDC for adoption. We should be the second Plan to be taken to a referendum. The draft ELDC Core Strategy and Settlement Proposals, including the housing targets for the village, are due to be placed before the full Council at the end of this month. Assuming the District Council approve the drafts they will go out for formal public consultation. Once that happens we will be inviting comment from you on the Core Strategy and Settlement Proposals.

WORKING WITH ELDC'S TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME. The Parish Council has set up a Working Group to work with ELDC to review which of ELDC's assets/services could usefully be transferred to the PC. Some of the assets/services being discussed are: Royal Square and other ELDC owned land, Car Parks, Public Toilets, Planning & Enforcement, Event Planning and Housing allocation. The Parish Council will continue to consult with the community as this process develops.

FOOTPATH LIGHTS UPDATE. Thank you to those residents who responded to our request in our last newsletter and provided us with feedback on the 7 footpath lights which ELDC requested that the Parish Council consider taking on the responsibility for. ELDC extended the deadline for a decision from the Parish Council until 31st May, and if the Parish Council decided not to fund the lights then ELDC would start the process to turn them off which would involve consultation with LCC, Highways and the Police, as well as conducting a risk assessment. ELDC had a list of priorities where lighting must be retained (schools, care homes, etc.). At the time of this article going to press the Parish Council had not made a decision about the Footpath lights.

LITTER PICKING. The Parish Council would like to thank those residents who regularly pick up litter in the village and help to keep the village tidy. The Parish Council has litter picking equipment available from the Parish Council office, so if you would like to borrow the equipment then please contact the Parish Clerk.



GRANTS. The Parish Council has recently awarded grants to the following organisations: Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society - £150 to purchase 5 Boomboxes; Woodhall Spa 1940's Festival - £1,000 towards traffic management costs; Woodhall Spa Gardeners Association - £150 to purchase materials to promote the club; The Cottage Museum & JPWS - £445 towards events in Jubilee Park to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday; Woodhall Spa 10K community Road Race - £364.70 for crowd mesh; Woodhall Spa Heritage Committee - £65 for membership to the British Association of Local History; Rotary Club of Woodhall Spa - £500 towards costs for organising the Woodhall Spa Christmas Fayre.

The Parish Council is currently reviewing its grants and donation awarding policy so is not accepting applications for funding at the current time.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL. Parish Council meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month in the Council Chamber at the Parish Council office in Stanhope Avenue (except August when the Council doesn't usually meet). There is a 15 minute public forum for anyone wishing to bring items of concern to the Council. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st June.

The Parish Council office is open to the public from 12.30pm until 2.30pm on a Tuesday and from 10am until 1pm on a Thursday; if you are unable to call in during these times then please contact the Clerk on to make an appointment at a more convenient time.

The Parish Council holds quarterly surgery sessions in the library from 10.30am until 11.30am on a Saturday morning, the next surgery dates are 4th June and 3rd September. There will be at least two Parish Councillors at each session to speak with face to face, and any issues you raise will be logged and reported to the Council, we will also keep you informed on what we have done about them.

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Please visit the Parish Council website to view meeting agendas and minutes, information about Kirkby Lane cemetery, and to find out when Parish Council organised events are happening - www.woodhallspaparishcouncil.org

For information about community events and information about local businesses there is the community website – www.woodhallspa.org

KIRKBY LANE CEMETERY – If you've visited the cemetery recently you will have noticed that some of the grave plots in the first section have been tidied up and filled with gravel. This work has been done by members of the Parish Council and a small number of volunteers from the Community, this is a continuing project and further dates have been scheduled to complete this work, so if you would be able to spare a couple of hours to help out in whatever capacity you feel able to please contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest. The next date for the cemetery tidy up will be Saturday 18th June. We will be providing refreshments for everyone that helps.

Here's some photos of the councillors and volunteers hard at work.

