

**All residents are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 13 May 2019 7.00-7.30pm at Morton Church Hall**

### What is a Parish Council?

Fiskerton-cum-Morton (FCM) Parish Council has 7 councillors, all of whom live or work within the Parish and who are elected for four years. Any councillor can be contacted easily, as can the Parish Clerk.

A primary concern of the Parish Council is to ensure that the views of the community are taken into account by the authorities, agencies and organisations (such as the District Council, the County Council, health authorities, police etc) that take decisions on services and issues affecting the Parish.

Probably the most common topics that the parish council gets involved with are planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces, footpaths and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

The Parish Council responds to and adds comments on structure plans and government consultation documents. It also votes on all planning applications in the Parish, though Newark & Sherwood District Council makes the final decision.

The Parish Council is responsible for various assets within the villages. These include:

- Fiskerton Village Green
- The Children's Playground at the Arthur Radford Sports Field
- Morton Telephone Box & Defibrillator
- Fiskerton Defibrillator

Parish Councils do not receive government grants, so the Council raises its income from a precept, which forms part of the Council Tax Bill

### Who we are?

Last year we had 7 Councillors serving on the Parish Council. Following the nomination process 4 residents put themselves forward and have been duly elected without contest as Parish Councillors for 4 years with effect from May 2019. They are:

Steve Holloway who lives in Fiskerton, contact number is 01636831055

Hilary Gibbins who lives in Morton, contact number is 01636 555578

Rob Lancaster who lives in Fiskerton, contact number is 01636831371

Linda Moakes who lives in Fiskerton contact number is 07470202950

The Parish Council is therefore seeking applications for three casual vacancies to join the Parish Council as soon as possible. Anyone interested should contact our Clerk, Lynn Holland by telephone on 01623797165, by email [fiskertoncummortonparishcouncil@virginmedia.com](mailto:fiskertoncummortonparishcouncil@virginmedia.com) or in writing c/o 8 Pine Close, Rainworth, Nottinghamshire. NG21 0DN.

As you can see from our achievements, the role of a Parish Councillor is much more than just attending a monthly meeting. It is about being part of team who work with our local community in improving local facilities, amenities and building even greater community spirit.

## Annual Review of activities

### Our published Priorities in May 2018

- Support the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan (Refer to attached Newsletter)
- Identify how we can improve our existing playground
- Decide if there should be any developments on the Village Green
- Find ways of improving how the Parish Council communicates with residents and support community initiatives
- Engage with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to ensure our main roads are fit for purpose and that drivers park safely and adhere to speed limits and do not flood
- Encourage local initiatives aimed at reducing litter and keeping our villages tidy
- Ensure that NCC are aware of their responsibility to maintain and improve the local 300 local bus service for residents who are unable to travel independently
- Explore whether the residents of Fiskerton wish to raise funds for a defibrillator.

### Our Achievements

- Lobbied successfully for the Re surfacing of Main Street Fiskerton and Improved drainage in Morton undertaken by NCC
- Raised funds for a Defibrillator in Fiskerton sited at the shop and arranged training attended by 25 residents
- Organised 2 successful Clean Up our village's events involving over 30 residents
- Surveyed our footpaths and lobbied for improvements where required
- Neighbourhood Watch re-launched as part of a crime prevention scheme being led by residents
- 30 mph speed reduction bin stickers distributed to residents on our main roads
- Improvements to the landscaping of the Fisherman's car park thanks to local volunteers
- Significant contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan Process
- Supported the successful World War 1 event organised by the History Society
- Supported the organisation of Two Christmas events and a Fashion Show for the local community
- Started the process to improve our playground facilities through a working group
- Considering 24 Planning Applications using agreed criteria.

### Priorities to handover to the new Parish Council for next 12 months

- Urgent repairs to the playground & commissioning an organisation to design and raise funds for a new play area subject to community consultation
- Request improvements to the lighting, parking and footpath leading to Fiskerton Station
- Embed the improvements to the landscaping of the Fisherman's Car Park area
- Support arrangements for the running of the Arthur Radford Centre
- Support development of the Crime Prevention Scheme
- Prioritise and support improvements identified in the Neighbourhood Plan subject to approval at a referendum in September 2019.

Rob Lancaster

Chair of Fiskerton-cum-Morton Parish Council