

Carnaby Parish Council

Chairman's Report

May 2015

Introduction

I am honoured to have been asked to stand as Chairman of Carnaby Parish Council again following the local Parish elections. There has been a few changes since the election and I would like to welcome our new Councillor Sue Thomas to Carnaby Parish Council. I hope that you will all make her feel welcome and give her support and guidance over the coming months.

Unfortunately, Councillor Adrian Clark was not re-elected, however I would like to thank him for all the hard work that he has given over the years and for providing a voice for the residents of Haisthorpe. Cllr Taylor will now look after the interests of Haisthorpe.

As Parish Councillors we must represent the views of the people in the parish and on all matters arising and ensure every aspect is dealt with promptly, and within the framework of the law. I thank all involved for their patience, diligence and attendance to the meetings. I will just like to thank the Vice Chairman, Paul Jackson and Clerk Gayna Wallis, their support has been invaluable. Thank you.

Relations with the local authority

Councillors Owen and Councillor Evison have once again attended several of our meetings. Their support and advice has been readily available and appreciated in regards to arranging meetings with organisation within the parish when needed. Thank you for your continued attendance.

Finances

Gayna Wallis has been treasurer during the past year. The accounts have been audited and continue to be healthy. They are available to be viewed by the general public, if they so wish.

Council Business

All Parish Council meetings agendas are displayed on the notice boards in Carnaby and Haisthorpe, and on our website www.carnabyparishcouncil.co.uk which is updated regularly

Community Improvements

Over the last year and we have made further improvements to the Parish. We have installed benches around the Parish for residents and visitors to use. Sadly one of these was recently stolen and we are looking at relocating another seat to replace the stolen one. We have installed a couple of litter bins to help improve the tidiness of the village and have erected surveillance signs to prevent fly tipping. Sadly, this continues despite the warnings. We are looking at further measures to help combat this. The footpath to the Church was repaired and is now much safer to walk on.

Once again, Father Christmas visited the children of the parish and the festive get-together was well attended. The Christmas tree this year was donated by a local resident. Haisthorpe residents also enjoyed the festive season with the tree being sited in Mr and Mrs Robinsons field and who also provided the lighting.

To help communicate more effectively with our Parish we regularly update our website with news, recent planning applications, minutes and agendas. Parishioners can contact us by email as well. The website is regularly visited. We also continue to produce an annual newsletter informing the Parish of events.

We are still trying to get speed calming measures put in on Sticks Lane. This is an ongoing issue.

Carnaby Airfield Memorial (CAM) has now raised £10,000 and has been given Charity status. The next stage is to formalise an agreement with John Bull for the site of the memorial. Once we have this in writing then the plans for the memorial can really begin.

ERYC organised a huge litter picking campaign earlier this year in which Carnaby participated. About 50 bags of rubbish were collected from Church Lane, Moor Lane and Sticks Lane. Unfortunately, it has not deterred people from dropping and throwing rubbish down the lane.

In summary I would like to thank everyone for the hard work carried out by all Parish Councillors this year, and also for the support you have all given me during this year as the Chairman. Thank you.