

# **Cantley With Branton Parish - 2018 Annual Parish Meeting**

## **Chairperson's Report**

I would like to start this report as I did last year, with a thank you to each member of Cantley with Branton Parish Council. Thank you for volunteering your time to attend our monthly meetings as well as additional site meetings/visits and events, which have taken place throughout the year. Your commitment to this role has ensured that the general maintenance of the Parish continues to run smoothly and the Parish is well represented at local meetings and events. It was sad to see Parish Councillor, Gillian Warrender leave the Parish Council after 18 years of service to the parish. Gillian will be missed at our meetings. The PC sent a floral tribute as a gesture of thanks for all her hard work and commitment over the years.

In February 2018, we co-opted a new Parish Councillor, Mark Turner, after a ballot took place. We received two valid applications and a few enquiries for the role, which was a positive result for the parish. Mark lives in the village and his wife is the Assistant Head of Branton St Wilfrid's School. They have a young family and Mark has been a member of the KHMC for the last 3 years. His appointment to the council helps us to reflect the needs of Cantley with Branton parishioners.

2017/18 has seen the completion of the work carried out at Kilham Hall recreation ground with the installation of new fitness equipment, play equipment and a new tarmac path around the perimeter of the field. This project was managed by DMBC, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the work of the Neighbourhood Manager and his team along with the Landscape Architect for the work they have carried out over the year in seeing this project through to completion.

Planning permission had been sought for all 3 phases of our initial plan which included a MUGA (phase 3). However, due to complications regarding the MUGA, the PC made a decision to withdraw the application from planning at this stage and proceed with Phase 1 and 2, both of which did not need planning permission. Phase 3 will be further explored once funding has become available from another smaller development on Chapel Lane. The 106 monies from this development, if everything goes ahead, will be used to fund phase 3 of our plans.

We are currently pursuing plans for 'Sianne's Butterfly Trail' at Kilham Hall Recreation Ground in memory of Sianne White. A meeting has taken place with PC members, DMBC Officer, Stephen Racjan and Sianne's Mother, Sarah White, who had the original idea of the perimeter path. It is hoped that we can start work before the summer.

The Cantley with Branton Parish Council website has been updated with some vast improvements made. Thanks goes to our Clerk, Julia Staniforth for all the work she has contributed to the update and training undertaking to enable her to manage our website.

We have continued to make improvements to the Meeting rooms with new shelving in the lobby area to accommodate storage for a new playgroup which has recently started in the Hall.

Speeding traffic continues to be a problem in the parish and we have requested the use of a speed camera we invested in a few years ago on a number of occasions throughout the year.

Parking outside St Wilfrid's school has also continued to be a problem. The Parish Council gained quotes for a fence to protect the footpaths and grass verges, which has now been erected. The fencing provides excellent protection to the grass verges and acts as a barrier to deter dangerous

parking that had been taking place. The Parish Council, School and PTA have worked together after successfully securing a grant of £2000 from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' scheme to come up with a plan to get children walking to school. The WOW annual challenge was adopted and children gain badges for walking to school and a £100 prize each half term goes to the class with the highest number of positive journeys to school. This prize money is spent on outside equipment of their choice but for the benefit of all the children in school. The money pledged by the PC, School and the PTA is being used to increase the size of the existing playground area, which is currently too small and restricts physical activity at break times whilst the school field is out of use.

MP Caroline Flint plans to visit Branton St Wilfrid's school to find out more about the WOW challenge.

Our Handyman Martin Brennan has continued to work in the parish looking after our gardens and carrying out general maintenance. I would like to thank him for his work over the year.

The Parish council has made a number of donations this year; £80 to the Royal British Legion towards a poppy wreath, £750 towards the WOW challenge as well as £100 for Thorne Rural Lions as a thank you for their annual Santa Sleigh trailer in December which visits all the local villages in Doncaster. We also pledged £2000 to Auckley Parish Council for a zebra crossing at Hayfield School, however other plans had superseded this project and the money was not needed.

The KHMC continue to do a great job looking after the running of the Hall. There was concern last year regarding party bookings dropping off, however, after a promotional period and leaflet drop, parties have picked up and the committee has reported a better year than ever for income from party bookings. Thank you to David Chorlton and Mark Turner, who along with myself, are members of the KHMC. David takes an active part as Secretary and is involved in events where ever possible. I would like to Thank Noreen Pearson for her work and commitment as Chair and Barbara Fussey as Treasurer, the time and commitment they offer is highly valued by the PC. I would also like to thank Sheila Smith for her work with the Coffee club, which continues to go from strength to strength and to Jan Goodband and Jean Cheetham for their involvement and commitment to this voluntary role. The new caretaker has settled well into the role and also acts as booking clerk.

I would like to thank Jennifer Worthington for her involvement in the following committees and groups; DSA Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub Committee and for attending Igas meetings to keep us informed about the 'fracking development in North Nottinghamshire.

Thank you to both Yvonne Butterworth and Gillian Warrender (up to her resignation) for their work with Cantley Poors Land Trust and I would appreciate it if Yvonne could extend my thanks to the other members of the Trust for the work they do. Two positions are currently vacant and the PC is trying to find interested people to get involved in this valuable community role.

To David Chorlton who has been a great support to the PC and myself as Vice Chair and to Julia Staniforth, our clerk who shows a real passion and interest in her role and is an asset to our council and a great help and support to me.

I would like to thank you all for your enthusiasm, commitment and interest in Cantley with Branton Parish Council.

Michelle Sidebottom  
Chairman  
Cantley with Branton Parish Council.