

Cantley With Branton Parish - 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

Chairperson's Report

I would like to start this report 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 has run smoothly and represented well at local meetings and events.

2016/17 has been an exciting year for the Parish. Due to the recent housing developments on both Woodlands Walk and Badgers Holt, the parish has benefitted from some Section 106 monies, paid by the developers to improve outdoor facilities within the village.

The Parish Council arranged an initial consultation with the local residents on how we could improve the village and play facilities and we received a great response with lots of ideas. Members of the Parish Council along with the Clerk, visited Quarry Park in Hatfield to look at the gym equipment, MUGA and play equipment. In addition to this, we arranged for a supplier to come up with a plan and quotes for different types of gym equipment and play equipment including a Zip wire to help us budget for our plans.

DMBC carried out their own consultation in part of the village. After meeting to discuss the results, an agreement was reached on a proposed plan for play equipment at Kilham Hall Recreation Ground involving 3 phases. Plans have now been prepared and a public consultation held at Kilham Hall on Saturday 28th January. Again, this event provided positive feedback and the Parish Council has acted on it. The PC agreed that DMBC would manage the project from this point onwards and we currently await planning permission. We are hoping that Phase 1 and 2 of this project will have started by the summer of 2017.

Planning permission was sought on another smaller development on Chapel Lane and since been agreed. The 106 monies from this development, if everything goes ahead, will be used to fund phase 3 of our plans. This would be the MUGA (Multi Use games Area).

The village of Branton has long campaigned for a safe crossing area on Doncaster Road. Unfortunately, a survey carried out on the road meant that we did not meet the criteria needed for funding such a project through DMBC. However, the 106 agreement for woodlands Walk stated that the money could be used towards providing the residents of Woodlands Walk with access to an open area. The closest open area is Poppyfields so the Parish Council pursued this funding to secure a crossing on Doncaster Road. With support from residents and Ward Councillors, the Parish Council was successful and the village now benefits from a zebra crossing making Branton a safer place for everyone.

We have continued to make improvements to the Meeting rooms and other groups within the community have used them on a number of occasions.

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 planters that were placed on the verges last year to help discourage people from parking on verges has helped, but not

resolved the issue. The Parish Council has obtained quotes for a fence to protect the footpaths and verges opposite school and are awaiting a response from DMBC regarding sharing of the cost. The parish council has also agreed to match a donation made by school of up to £1000 to help fund a 'get walking' initiative which encourages children and parents/carers to walk to school. I have applied, on behalf of school, for a "Bags for Life' grant through Tescos of £2000 and we are awaiting the result.

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; £100 to the Royal British Legion towards a poppy wreath 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.

The KHMC continue to do a great job looking after the running of the Hall. There is some concern over the hire of the hall for parties as income was down very slightly on last year's accounts, however, the committee are advertising the hire of the hall each month in The Arrow and plan to do leaflet drops locally. Thank you to David Chorlton 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, Barbara Fussey as Treasurer and Bev Humphries who is the booking clerk. The time and commitment they offer is valued and recognised 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, Jean Cheetham and Mark Turner for their involvement and commitment to this voluntary role.

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

Yvonne Butterworth and Gillian Warrender are also thanked for their work with Cantley Poors Land Trust and I would appreciate it if they could extend my thanks to the other members of the Trust for the work they do.

To David Chorlton who has been a great support to the PC and myself in his first year 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 to me.

I would like to thank you all for your enthusiasm and interest in the exciting projects we have pursued in 2016/2017 and one last thank you to you all for the support, kindness and patience shown towards me in what has been my first year as Chair of Cantley with Branton parish Council.

Michelle Sidebottom
Chairman
Cantley with Branton Parish Council.