

Fiskerton-cum- Morton Parish Council Annual Report for the Annual Parish (ZOOM) meeting on Monday 4 May 2021 7.00-7.30pm

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.

The most common topics that the parish council gets involved with are planning matters, speed 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, Fiskerton and Morton Telephone Box & Defibrillators.

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?

There are 7 Councillors serving on the Parish Council all of whom are local residents and give willingly of their time:

Steve Holloway who lives in Fiskerton, contact number is 01636 831055

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

Rob Lancaster who lives in Fiskerton, contact number is 01636 831371

Linda Moakes who lives in Fiskerton contact number is 07470 202950

Alicia Price who lives in Morton contact number is 07940 96861

John Larwood who lives in Morton contact number is 0774 5283348

Bronwen McGrath who lives in Morton contact number is 07857 188414

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.

Our Vision is:

To sustain and grow a successful, safe, and caring community by representing and serving the best interests of those members who live or invest in it, so that our villages are:

- Safe, healthy, clean, and caring place that people want to live and work in for the long term
- Inclusive, promoting a strong sense of community spirit every day
- Well connected with transport and communication links fit for the future

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- Welcoming to visitors and work well with our neighbouring Parishes
- Mindful of the need to protect the importance of our historic, geographical and natural assets.

Annual Review of Activities

Our Achievements

We have:

- Organised a 'Light up the Village Green' at Christmas with the help of local residents
- Successfully obtained a grant to refurbish and improve our playground which has been a great hit with the children from Fiskerton and Morton and visiting children too
- Helped with painting of the playground fence in cheery rainbow colours by children from both villages. Very striking it is too with a new gate funded by the Parish Council
- Supported a socially distanced picnic which was organised by the Sports & Gala Association and held outside at the Arthur Radford Centre. This successful event was attended by approximately 50 picnickers
- Installed 'kissing gates' on 2 of our most popular footpaths, improving accessibility for walkers thanks to a donation from the local fishing club. We plan to do more.
- Supported the local Covid-19 support group to ensure our elderly and vulnerable residents are safe and well with enough food and medication
- Secured a temporary speed sign on Station Road scheduled for June this year and we will lobby for one on Main Street Fiskerton
- Continued to maintain the improved landscape by the Fisherman's car park with the assistance of local volunteers and repaired some of the fences and stiles along our footpaths.
- Erected 'No overnight parking/camping' signs in the Riverside and Fisherman's car parks which sadly have been vandalised!!
- Lobbied local authorities to help us manage any flood risk including Trent Lane with assistance from local residents
- Considered 27 Planning Applications using agreed criteria based upon our Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Priorities for next 12 months

We are going to review our strategic plan over the next 3 months and want residents to have the opportunity to give us ideas of what needs to be done to improve our local community including allocating funding for projects and to local voluntary and community groups. We will be organising different ways of gathering these ideas through both face-to-face meetings, notwithstanding any COVID-19 restrictions and social media platforms. Right now, this is what we are working on:

- Create a 'Welcome to our Village' Pack which includes footpaths and history trails to be distributed to all new residents
- Contribute to local events which will celebrate our emergence from COVID-19 restrictions for all generations
- Upgrade our online presence.

These priorities will be amended considering the views of residents who respond to our consultation.

Comments from residents on improvements needed in Fiskerton and Morton

If you have any comments on this report or other Parish Council matters, please contact our Clerk Lynn Holland fiskertoncummortonpc@virginmedia.com or writing to her c/o 8, Pine Close, Rainworth, NG210DN by 31st May 2021. You can view more information including our vision and strategic plan on our website at <http://www.fiskertoncummorton.co.uk/community/fiskerton-cum-morton-parish-council-7846/home/>