



Newsletter Autumn 2011
Next Council Meeting
Monday 5 December 7.15 in the Hall.

Gillman Trail re-opening.

On a fine sunny Friday afternoon in August about 40 or so of the good people of our village gathered together on Bonby Meadow to celebrate the opening of the Gillman Trail following its refurbishment. Local MP Andrew Percy took time out of his busy schedule to join Mrs Audrey Gilman, widow of Peter Gilman after whom the trail is named, to 'cut the ribbon'.

Rod Greenough welcomed everyone who attended, in particular Mrs. Gilman and Andrew Percy MP and then explained why the trail was named after Mr. Gillman. His contributions to village life from being caretaker of the village hall to a regular Father Christmas were greatly appreciated, such voluntary work being essential to village life. The funds for work to be conducted on the trail were made available from N. Lincs Council Leader programme and much has been accomplished within the scope and duration of the improvement programme. The trail paths, having been resurfaced, have been made more accessible. There are picnic tables and about two dozen bird boxes have been installed by Councillor Norman Smith. Further work was needed in due course but this depended on available funds and financial priorities. A plaque was then received on behalf of Bonby Council to mark the occasion.

Councillor Sarah Harriman was thanked for organising the event together with all those who had contributed – especially the cake makers. Many local children enjoyed the fancy dress competition, the prizes for which were also presented by Mrs Gilman.

Bonby Council hope all who may be in the area will take a few minutes to enjoy the improved facilities- as do many local families who regularly use the trail. The first moves to make the improvements were made some time ago by the then Clerk to the Council, Jean Brown, and a previous Chairman, Ken Jackson. Work of this nature conducted by Bonby Councillors is entirely voluntary and we would be pleased to hear from any Bonby Residents who would like to join the Council and help to make Bonby an attractive and welcoming place for the future.

Bonby Needs You !

Bonby is looking for volunteers who would be able to help if an **emergency** struck our village, or nearby. If you could join us in pledging support or have a skill or equipment that could be available in any such event please let us know

Please come forward and
contact Sarah Harriman (see details later)

Saxby Wold Wind Farm Planning Application.

All the Low Village Councils and Barton Council registered their disapproval and rejected the application. The application was duly considered by North Lincs. Council (NLC) Planning Committee and permission was declined on the grounds of Visual Impact and proximity to the Viking Way.

The Applicants launched an appeal against the refusal to gain planning consent and preparation commenced for a Public Enquiry starting early in December this year.

A meeting of the Low Villages Forum was held in September with a specific request from the Applicants to give a presentation on a renewed application. Close inspection of this second application showed no substantial changes to accommodate the range of objections that had been registered with NLC Planning Department in opposition to the first application. With two or three representatives from each village present, supported by an NLC Councillor, each village asked questions and it became abundantly clear that the new application gained no support.

For what ever reason, the Applicants have withdrawn their request for a public enquiry. However, the second application remains 'live'. In common with all the other Low Village and Barton Councils, Bonby Council again rejected this application which will eventually be considered by NLC Planning Committee.

Governments changes to Planning rules – Neighbourhood Plans.

There has been plenty of recent press coverage voicing concern over the Governments plans to change the planning rules. As the 'Localism Bill' draft legislation stands it includes the opportunity for local communities to set out their wishes via a neighbourhood plan. Government say that this will allow communities to shape their own vision for their community, from deciding the locations of commercial premises to setting standards of design for new housing and protecting green spaces of value to the community.

In areas where local people want to see homes and businesses built, neighbourhood planning will allow communities to grant a blanket planning permission for development to go ahead without developers having to make separate applications. The community has the final say on whether a neighbourhood plan comes into force. If more than 50 per cent of people voting in a local referendum support the plan, then North Lincs Council must bring it into force.

Your Parish Council are investigating what will be entailed in producing such a plan through its membership of the Low Villages Forum, an informal group made of Low Village Parish Councils.

We will update you when the way forward is clearer but rest assured resident participation ahead of formulating any plan is high on our priorities.

Highways Winter Service & Parish Snow Warden

As part of the measures being taken to help communities cope better with the kind of adverse weather we saw last year, North Lincs Council are providing 3 extra 'green' salt bins and are encouraging Parishes to have a volunteer Snow Warden. Sarah Harriman has kindly volunteered to take on that role (details later) and is the local point of contact. We are in urgent need of volunteers to help, as and when – please contact Sarah now !

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look us up at
www.bonby.org

Parish Council Finances – 2012/13 Precept & your Council Tax.

You might be surprised to learn that our only source of income is the Precept, which forms a part of your annual Council Tax bill, although you will be pleased to know that last year's Precept of £8,500 was only 4% of the overall bill you paid and well below that charged by similar Parish Councils.

Whilst next year's Precept won't be set until the December Council Meeting we are aware that the playing fields and equipment are in need of significant refurbishment. The Playing Fields Assoc. volunteers are hoping to do some of the work themselves, but together with insurance and grass cutting it looks likely that we will have to spend upwards of £4,500.

As some of you will know Parish Councils are subject to pretty much the same rules and procedures that the likes of North Lincs. Council have to abide by, which does place a serious cost burden on us. These costs show no sign of reducing as Central and Local Government work through their many policy reviews and changes.

To support the band of volunteer unpaid Councillors, it is important that we have the services of our Clerk, albeit just 30 hours per month. Of course we have many of the same overheads that small businesses face including: insurance, audit, telephone and other office costs.

Rest assured in these difficult financial times we are acutely aware of the need for us to act responsibly in making spending decisions that affect the Council Tax you pay but we hope you will see that it is inevitable that next year's Precept increases to enable us to carry out the above.

Youth of the Village

We are looking for members of a newly formed Youth Forum, to be the voice of the young people in our village. To meet 2/3 times a year you would need to bring a parent or guardian and be over 8 years old and under school leaving age. Contact Derek Sharland, Clerk for details.

Trees for Bonby.

At the October meeting of Bonby Parish Council, a presentation was given on behalf of Brigg Lions about a scheme to provide free trees for planting in and around the parish.

The trees must be planted on public land for the benefit of all the residents and the Council will be responsible for the planting, stakes and protection, making sure that when the trees are fully grown safety will not be compromised.

There are a few sites that have been identified as suitable, such as the roadsides on the approaches to the village (at either the north or south ends), along Middlegate as well as the surroundings to the Playing Fields and Bonby Meadow.

The trees come in bundles of a given type, ranging from small varieties to those that would ultimately be really large trees, such as sycamore or ash. It is possible the bundles can be split and shared with other parishes, so we don't necessarily have to accept all one variety.

Do you have any suitable sites to suggest? If so, please let the Council know. Before planting takes place we shall talk with groups or individuals, who might be affected as the trees grow, to seek their approval.

Bonby Playing Fields Association

The playing fields committee is looking for new committee members who are keen to work on the committee to maintain and improve our village playing field and equipment....

Tasks are not onerous and no experience is necessary.

If you fit the bill, then don't be shy - Please contact Jerry or Carolynne Hannabuss on 01652 618141 or email j.hannabuss@tesco.net

It takes all sorts – represent your community and make a difference.

I'm sure you will see from the range of articles in this newsletter that your Parish Council works on your behalf on some important community projects.... maybe you are interested in your local community and want to be more involved in what is decided – well how about becoming a Parish Councillor ?

Being a Parish Councillor is all about working towards improving 'the lot' of Bonby residents and after all 'it takes all sorts' to achieve that Please contact Rod Greenough or Derek Sharland to find out more.

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Please note the role of Clerk is a part time role averaging 1 day per week.