

OLD LEAKE VILLAGE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 9th APRIL 2014

Report by Cllr. David Norton – Chairman, Old Leake Parish Council

Throughout the past year the Parish Council has continued to be very active on behalf of the village and its residents, and councillors have, as in previous years, been dealing with those aspects of village life which affect us all, including the following:

- considering various planning applications to ensure that proposed residential and commercial developments incorporate the best interests of the village and its residents, and are also sympathetic to the limitations of the existing community facilities and village infrastructure. In particular the planning application by the Giles Academy for additional sports ground facilities has been, and continues to be, an issue that provokes some differing opinions within the village.
- meetings with the site management team at Cucina Sano to discuss residents' concerns over matters such as odour emissions, traffic movements and light pollution.
- discussions with County Highways on highways maintenance matters.
- progressing street lighting and footpath repairs.
- continuous liaison with the Police regarding local crimes and anti-social behaviour reports.
- investment into maintaining and improving facilities and services in the village, and in particular the two main play and recreation areas.
- consider a proposal that the Parish Council should take over the responsibility for the management and maintenance of Eno's Wood as a community facility.
- liaising with other local groups and organisations striving to improve village life for families and individuals of all ages.
- the prudent management of the public monies for which we are responsible.
- taking responsibility for the general cleanliness (including dog fouling) and rubbish collections around the village.

The Parish Council remains committed to keeping its precept income at a level which councillors consider necessary to maintain both the presentation and appearance of the village, as well as making appropriate provisions for future projects and unforeseen eventualities. Should you wish to see how we deal with all these matters you are welcome to attend our meetings which are open to the public and take place on the second Wednesday of each month (except August and January) at 7.00pm in the Community Centre. You can participate and comment through the Public Forum which is held at the beginning of each meeting. Councillors are aware that there are a number of new families who have moved into the village and we would welcome any suggestions as to how they can best be informed about life in the village and the facilities on offer. Also, information about our meetings is now available on the Parish Council website: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/oldleake>

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their support during the year and for the dedication and commitment they have again demonstrated whilst carrying out their duties, and for giving freely of their time to ensure that parish council matters are dealt with quickly and effectively. Additionally I would like to express my personal thanks to our clerk, Joann Greer, who has once again worked hard to ensure we keep up-to-date with current legislation and also devoted a lot of time to the administering the workings of the council, and dealing with the significant amount of correspondence that is generated throughout the year.

Presented on behalf of the Parish Council of Old Leake – 9th April 2014.