

# **Carlton Scroop And Normanton-On-Cliffe** **Parish Plan**

**2008-2013**

## **History**

### **Carlton Scroop**

Carlton Scroop is a straggling village built on the cliff range of hills and lies on the A607 7 miles NE of Grantham. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book 1086 " In Carletune (Earl) Harold had 5 carucates of land.....) There is a priest there and a Church". Further evidence of a settlement can, however, be traced back to Neolithic times (4000BC) through the finds of a partially worked flint and axe head. In recent years "Time Team" on the BBC undertook a partial excavation of a Roman British farmstead and the adjacent burial ground on the northern edge of the village. The area has always been rural and agricultural, though open cast ironstone quarrying took place in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries and again for a short time during the second World War. In the 1700's the village for a brief period boasted the activities of two highwaymen – Thomas Watson and Spence Broughton, who took tolls and occupied an old farmhouse in the village. Thomas Watson was finally shot near Grantham and Spence Broughton "expiated his offences on the gibbet".

In 1253 a weekly market was held on a Tuesday and a yearly fair held on the eve day and morrow of Whitsunday.



**St Nicholas Church, Carlton Scroop in Winter**

**THE PARISHES OF CARLTON SCROOP AND NORMANTON-ON-CLIFFE**



**FROM 8098 FEET**

### St Nicholas Church, Carlton Scroop

The earliest parts of the Church pictured above date back to Anglo Norman origin with the remaining fabric being of the Decorated style, with most of the Church completed by the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century.

The main features are as follows:-

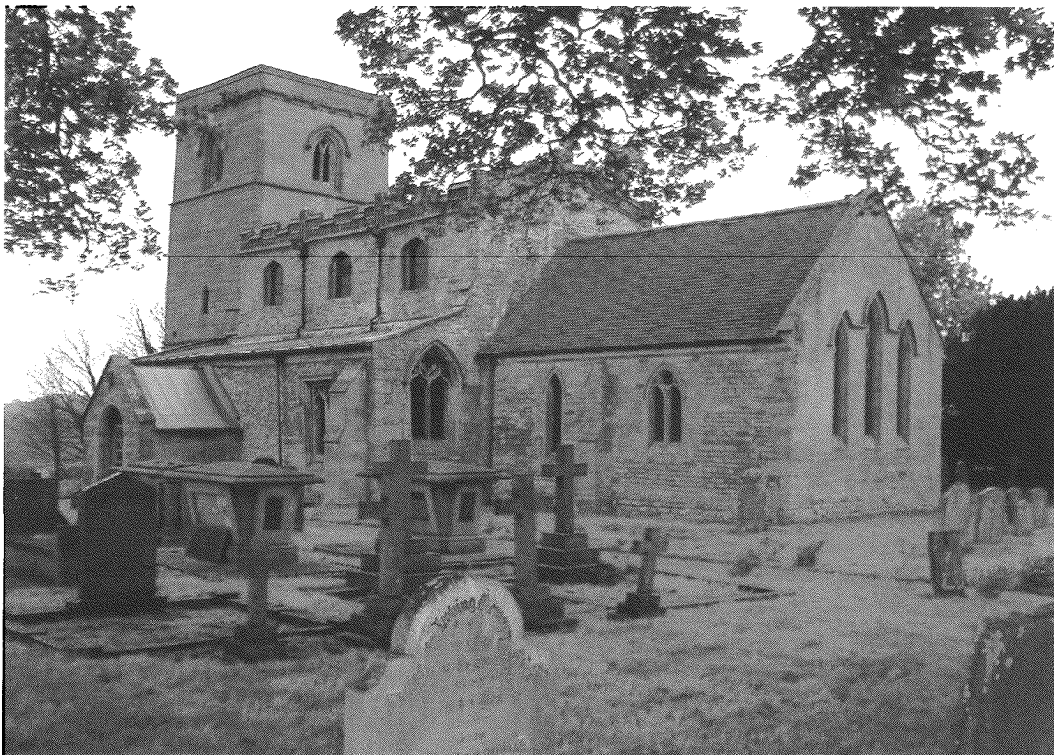
- the traceried stone font which is more than 500 years old
- the pulpit is Jacobean and dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century
- the South aisle window is an early work of Kempe (1837-1907)
- above the main alter the east window is a fine specimen of the architecture of the reign of Edward 111. It is known as the Newmarch window and displays a fine and rare example of 14<sup>th</sup> Century medieval stained glass (1307-1310) depicting two figures kneeling each holding a shield.
- there are a beautiful set of hand worked kneelers depicting the arms of many of the Saints throughout the ages.

### Normanton-on-Cliffe

The village of Normanton-on-Cliffe is similarly situated as linear development along the A607 as a rural settlement and agricultural bias. The name derives from two old English words, Norman and ton, meaning 'the village of the Norwegians', and is probably an English name given to an isolated settlement of Norwegians, who accompanied the Danes in the settlement of Lincolnshire before 920 A.D. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book (1087) as Normenton, when it was part of the estates of Robert De Vessey, who had a castle, or fortified manor House, in Caythorpe. The extant Parish Records date from 1670, and are now part of the Lincolnshire Archive. In 1754, an Act of Enclosure was passed for Normanton and a plan of the parish was prepared at that time. The village then consisted of some twenty homesteads, plus cottages. The Lord of the Manor was Lord Brownlow – the Buckminster Estate of the present day is the remains of his original holdings. The Industrial and Agrarian Revolutions saw the population gradually decrease from 204 in the 1830's to 143 in 1896. By 1901, the motor car had become a common sight passing through the village, and gradually throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century has spelt the end of the traditional village community, which lasted for perhaps as long as 2000 years. The great estates have been broken up by death duties, and local services have disappeared altogether. The village has been labelled 'unsustainable' by the local council, and the church, the bastion of village life for a thousand years, is redundant.



**A View from Heath Lane Normanton-on-Cliffe**



**St Nicholas Church, Normanton-on-Cliffe**

## St Nicholas Church, Normanton on Cliffe

High on the Cliff road between Grantham and Lincoln it stands, with fine views of a countryside rolling away, green and gold. Its ancient church by the roadside is largely 13<sup>th</sup> century work, with a deep-splayed lancet at the west end of each aisle and 4 more lancets in the chancel; but the south arcade has 2 big round arches from the close of Norman days, the tower is 14<sup>th</sup> century, and the clerestory 15<sup>th</sup>.

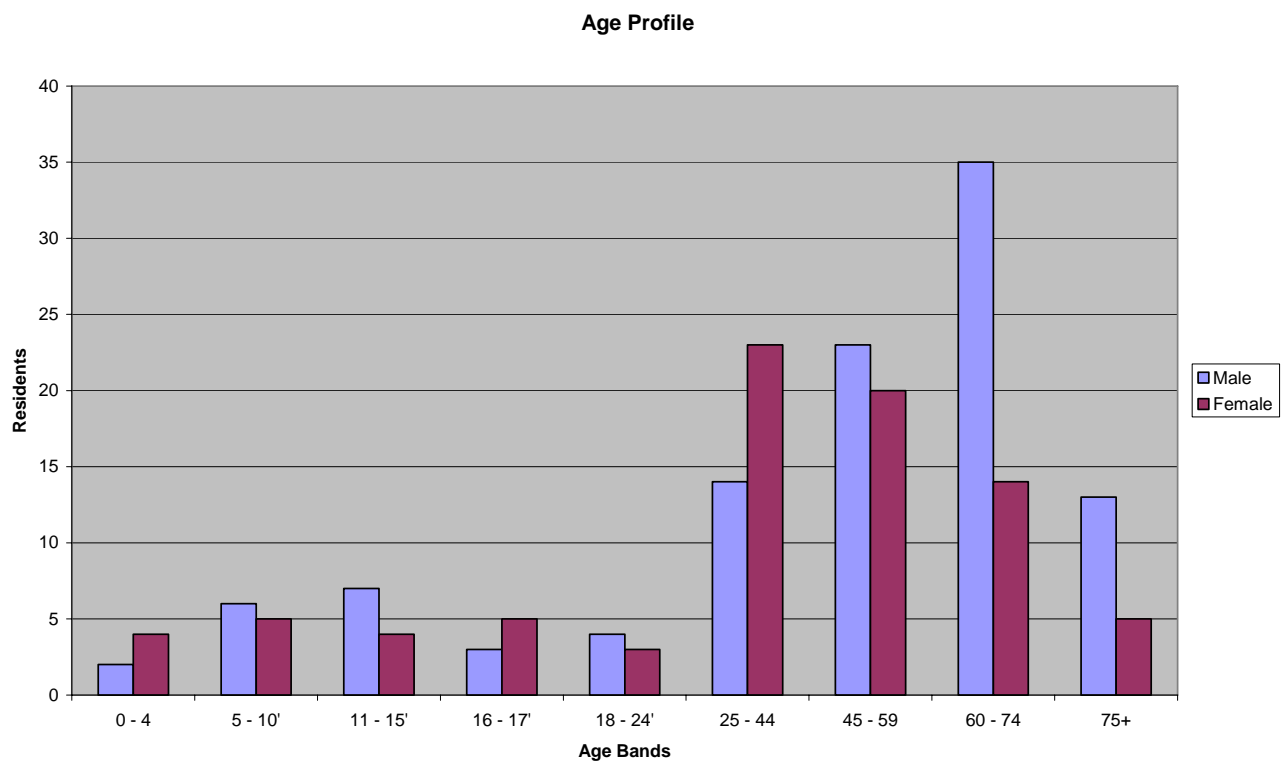
The clerestory is enriched with battlements adorned by shields and roses. The tower has a row of curious animal heads below its 15<sup>th</sup> century parapet, and a west window graced with a profusion of ball-flower ornament and a smiling bishop's head of stone looking out from the tracery, where there are still a few fragments of old painted glass.

This is a simple house of prayer, its walls plain and unadorned by monument, its treasures few. The plain round font is over 500 years old and the pulpit with sounding board has been here since "Stuart times".

(from "The Kings of England" series by Arthur Mee – County of Lincolnshire. (1949))

## **Introduction**

Parish Plans are funded by DEFRA and are vehicles to give residents of particular communities a voice in how they want the community to develop over a set period, usually five years. They are prepared by an independent body of residents representing the views of the community. The data used in the preparation of this plan was gathered by way of a questionnaire distributed to all households in the parish, 136 questionnaires were delivered and a creditable 108 were completed and returned. The Age Profile of the residents of the Parish as given in the returns is set out below.



## **HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **Housing Statistics**

The villages of Carlton Scroop with Carlton Ashes and Normanton-on-Cliffe have a total of 136 dwellings and a population of 301 according to the 2001 Census. The average household size is 2.24. The largest proportion of the population is aged between 45 – 64 (107) with the 25 – 44 yr olds (64) and 65 – 75+ (59). Almost 75% of the dwelling are owner occupied (90) with both the public and private sector rented accounting for the remainder in equal shares (24 and 22 respectively).

There have been no new dwellings built in either of the villages during the period 2001 – 2006 and the average house prices in 2005 was £224,335 for a detached house, semi £129,282, terraced £109,166 and flat £91,250. Halifax, the biggest mortgage lender said yesterday that the average price of a dwelling in England was now £194,400, which is more than eight times average earnings of £23,600. Is it any wonder that Building Societies are now offering mortgages of six times your salary for first time buyers?

The survey identified 67% who felt housing to be either important or very important in terms of the issues affecting the villages and 59% said they would like to see some private development and affordable housing. Over 50% of the people residing in both villages have been in their property for a period exceeding 6yrs and some up to 36yrs +, which means that a large proportion of these dwellings have not been on the open market, or changed hands for some considerable period of time.

### **Age Profiles**

There is a large proportion of elderly people in both villages aged between 65 – 75 + (59) which points to their properties being under occupied and assuming that they are on a fixed income could be in need of improvement and repair. The offer of mandatory and disabled facilities grants could be a consideration in order that they can continue to live in their own dwellings for as long as possible.

According to the Census 2001 there are a similar number of elderly people who have a long term illness (54) and maybe some of these people would benefit from a disabled facilities grant for better access and toilet facilities or other improvements to their property.

Although the number of young persons in both villages only amounts to (24) in total there is no doubt that this particular group suffer in terms of being completely ignored in the housing market as they are not able to purchase or rent affordable housing in either village. They are therefore forced to move to the town centre of Grantham away from their friends and family. If these young persons are going to continue to be an asset to the villages they live in land has to be earmarked for their needs and kept available as affordable housing in perpetuity for future generations.

### **Future Requirements**

Clearly any new development in either village for the future must be restricted to infill, rather than green field sites and be of a very small nature, probably not more than 12 on any new site. The Steering Group have identified possible land in both villages which could, if the land owner was agreeable, be used for this purpose.

The design of these dwellings should compliment existing properties and take account of the restrictions caused by the lack of main drainage, flood plain, poor rural links transport links and the impact on the surrounding environment.

In order to identify exactly what the housing needs are for both villages it is proposed that a Housing Needs Survey be carried out and for this information to then be incorporated into the shortly to be released Local Development Framework, so that land can be earmarked as possible affordable housing sites.

## **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Housing Needs Survey to be undertaken by the Community Council of Lincolnshire

To identify, with the help of the Planning Department, a piece of land in the LDF suitable for the development of affordable housing under a section 106 Agreement which would ensure that it was only allocated to young persons who live or have lived in either village.

To identify any dwellings occupied by either elderly or disabled persons who may be eligible for an improvement or disabled facilities grant.

To establish where all of the 54 long term illness are resident so that their needs can be identified with a view to supporting them in their efforts to improve the quality of life.

The Parish Council to give an undertaking to support any application for development on a brownfield site for planning permission, providing it is of good design and will assist in satisfying those persons identified as in need under the Housing Needs Survey.

## **SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

The questionnaire highlighted a number of concerns and desires with reference to Services and Facilities, the main points are given below:

### **Village Shop**

Given the high percentage of elderly and long term ill residents there was a desire for a local shop, perhaps open for limited periods and located, if possible, within an existing facility, the Village Hall and Golf Club were suggested, and to be run by volunteers.

### **Dog Fouling**

A number of comments were made about the level of dog fouling in the two villages and it was suggested that bins should be provided for collecting the waste.

### **Footpaths**

The question regarding footpaths generated 29 comments about the poor standard of footpaths, and the way they are signposted. A survey of all paths within the Parish has been conducted, all paths and associated signs have been marked on a large scale map which is displayed at the Village Hall.

## **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Institute a system of monitoring footpaths and signage and updating the map held in Village Hall.

Investigate provision of local shop

Investigate provision of Dog Fouling bins

## **HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

### **Highways and Traffic**

The main A607 highway runs through the centre of both villages and this is the main route between Grantham and Lincoln along with many other linear villages. The speed limits of 40mph and 30mph are in effect for Carlton Scroop and Normanton respectively. Speeding traffic is a constant concern. Over the past years there has been some monitoring of these speed limits and it was considered by the 'Lincs Road Safety Partnership' that they were appropriate. Most residents in Carlton Scroop believe that it too should enjoy a 30mph limit. Accident 'hot-spots' being; the double bend before Lodge Farm, the bridge, Charity Street junction and the Heath Lane bend. In Normanton; the double bend by the Church and the bridge by Park Homes. Whilst speed is a concern, the bigger problem is the width of the road, or lack of it.

### **Public Transport**

Since both villages are positioned on the A607 highway, we enjoy the benefit of the Grantham to Lincoln bus service which operates an excellent frequent service. New bus stops have recently (2006) been erected nearby 'Park Homes' in Normanton and a replacement shelter on the green in Carlton Scroop. The Parish Council continues to monitor the condition of all existing bus shelters, keeping them in good order. Any repairs needed are usually met initially by the PC but these costs are quite often refunded by the Transport services. At the moment, one more bus stop is to be reinstated opposite the Council houses in Normanton. We hope this will be done in 2007. Bus services connect conveniently with trains at Grantham and Lincoln.

### **Footpaths**

Due to the continued pressure from the Parish Council over many years, a footpath was finally completed between Normanton and Caythorpe in 2006. This gives access by foot or bicycle to the School, Surgery, local shop, pubs and post office.

### **Concerns**

The main concern of residents is not only the speed of traffic but the volume and **size** of the vehicles, combined with the narrowness of the road. Most of the heavy duty lorries are destined for the recycling plant at Caythorpe. This plant generates hundreds of lorry movements a week.

Another concern is that whilst the A607 is classed as an 'A' road it is very narrow in parts and



there are many twists, turns and 2 small bridges which cause real problems when two large vehicles/buses are passing, this, in turn, causes constant damage to kerbs, pavements and grass verges.

The narrowness of the road combined with large vehicles and speeding traffic makes walking around in both villages difficult and a real danger. It is not possible to walk between the 2 villages, as there is no footpath connecting the villages.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

The ideal situation for our villages would doubtlessly be a **by-pass**. However, in the short-term, this is just not an option available to us due to the high cost, but perhaps it should be something we try to seriously campaign for, for future generations.

Road widening was not a popular option with residents nor is it practical as there is little or no pavement along the A607 and the existing footpaths are already too narrow.

In order to make drivers aware of the speed limits we would like to place flashing signs at either end of both villages to act as a reminder and deterrent to speeding vehicles. Funding needs to be raised for this. We may be able to approach local businesses for sponsorship.

Since it is very much a permanent fixture, the heavy-duty lorries that go to the recycling and skip plant in Caythorpe, could be diverted from their journey through all the A607 small villages by an A17 link. Continued pressure to get this on the agenda for the Highways department should be a goal for the future, and is a more realistic one compared with re-locating the plant. (which would be most residents first choice) At the moment our energy needs to be concentrating on making the Highways Department. acknowledge that there is a real problem because at present this is not the case.

Continue the pressure on the Highways Department. to complete a footpath between Normanton and Carlton Scroop and eventually continue this to Honington.

Continue to monitor the state of all footpaths and to widen where possible. Most residents questioned felt that it was still unsafe to walk on the footpaths, being put off by the volume and speed of traffic.

Look at the possibility of re-positioning the footpath over the hump-back bridge in Carlton Scroop onto a lower level. This would have the 2-fold advantage of widening the road at this precarious point and being safer for pedestrians.

### **NURSERY FACILITIES AND EDUCATION**

It is many years since the population of the Parish supported a local school and there are no Nursery or Education facilities currently available, the old school house opposite St Nicholas Church in Carlton Scroop having been converted to residential use many years ago. Within the Parish there were resident, at the time of the questionnaire, some 36 children of pre school and school age, regrettably they now have to travel outside of the Parish to receive their education and childcare. That said, there is a wide range of pre school, post school and school facilities within commuting distance of the Parish, a full list is attached as an Annex to this report.



### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Ensure a full list of all Nursery and local education facilities is maintained and available to all residents, particularly those moving to the area.

Encourage use of local schools and nursery facilities to ensure future viability.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

The Parish is located within a rural and agricultural area with little by way of employment other than farming or a few small local firms though there are a wide range of employers within the wider area. There are also limited opportunities within the catering and retail trades in some of local villages and towns. Of course, it should also be recognised that some 35% of the residents are within the bracket where retirement activities are perhaps more important than employment.

A list of some local employers is attached as an Annex to this report.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Encourage the building of new small industrial units on suitable land or the use of redundant farm buildings to create employment opportunities.

Monitor all employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius.

### **HEALTH**

There are no health facilities within the Parish. Therefore, initial access to non emergency health services in this rural community is dependent on access to either public or private transport. This may prove problematic for individuals who because of age or infirmity do not have access to the latter. With the exception of the outlying Carlton Ashes area of the Parish the principle health service centres are linked via regular public transport (Grantham – Caythorpe - Lincoln).

The Parish fall within the catchment area of the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust which was formed in 2000 by the merger of the three former acute hospital trusts in Lincolnshire. It provides acute hospital services to the people of the County from District General Hospitals at Lincoln (County Hospital) and Boston (Pilgrim Hospital) and from hospitals in Grantham, Louth, Skegness and Spalding.

The hospital service is supported by a network of local doctors' surgeries and dental surgeries.

For emergency treatment the residents of the Parish are reliant on the use of the "999" emergency number. Dependent on the nature of the emergency the 999 service coordinator will decide whether to despatch an ambulance or, possibly, the Air Ambulance based at RAF Waddington. The nearest Accident and Emergency facility for the Parish is based in Grantham, though the future of this facility is very much in the balance. Should capabilities at this facility be reduced then the nearest alternatives are significantly great distances away. The increased transit time inevitably places the patient at greater risk.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Ensure that the Parish council represents the views of the Parishioners at any discussions regarding the future of Grantham Hospital.

Ensure all Parishioners have adequate information to enable speedy access to routine and emergency medical cover.

The Parish Council to support the Air Ambulance Service by way of direct funding or by organising fundraising events.

The Parish Council to consider the funding or part funding of distress call systems for residents who are considered vulnerable.

### **LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

For this section it is relevant to consider the age profile of the respondents, it is assumed that a similar ratio applies to those households where the forms were not returned. Thus, for the sake of this analysis, of the 190 residents recorded, 19% are in education or younger, 46% are in the working bracket and the balance, 35%, are, loosely, retired. Regrettably, the survey does show that the highest proportion of negative comment comes from the higher age brackets.

One would reasonably expect that in a rural community where there is no Public House or other natural centre for social activity that the Village Hall, Social Club or, possibly, the Church would be the centre of village life. This is not borne out by the survey results, nor indeed by the physical attendance at events that are organised by the Village Hall Committee, or by membership of, for instance, the Social Club.

### **The Church**

The only conclusion from the returns is that the Church does not feature highly in the priority of circa 50% of the parishioners. Funding for the future upkeep will fall to only a relatively small number of community members.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN:**

Improve attendance and support

Improve the revenue stream by using the building for other suitable events

## **The Village Hall**

The Village Hall is a facility that is run by an unpaid independent Committee of interested people from within the Parish, it has Charitable status, though in practice this gives little benefit other than safeguarding ownership of the land for the future. It assists in gaining Rates Relief from the local authority, SKDC, though this is discretionary and could be withdrawn at any time. Annual running cost for basic repairs, electricity, water rates and insurance requires the committee to raise circa £5000.00 per year. This is achieved by letting the building to a number of organisations, e.g. Social Club, Yoga Club, Private Parties etc and by a limited number of social functions open to all residents and other interested individuals. Discounts for hire are available to community members. The fabric of the building is starting to require significant amounts of maintenance expenditure and Legislation is driving a number of required improvements. Events are publicised in the Local newspapers, via the Village Newsletter, by posters at a number of prominent points within the Parish and surrounding villages and often by individual flyers through doors.

The results are similar to those for supporting the Church in that, considering from "Slightly Important" down, roughly 50% of the residents have little or no interest in maintaining or developing the Village Hall. The survey did draw suggestions for future activities and these have been passed to the Village Hall Committee for review.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Actively seek new Committee members including a Chairman and Secretary

Make better use of the facility

Improve attendance at events

### **Social Club**

At the time that the present Village Hall was built membership of the Carlton Scroop and Normanton on Cliffe Social Club are reported to have numbered several thousand and it employed a full time Steward and Stewardess. Membership has dwindled over the years and currently numbers well under a hundred, fewer still actively support and attend the facility, indeed, in recent years it has even proved problematic forming a committee to hold the licence and run the bar. As a facility there is considerable concern over the continuing viability. During the last few years significant sums have been spent improving the décor and purchasing new furniture. A ban on using improper language was recently introduced and the impending ban on smoking in enclosed public spaces should improve the overall atmosphere of the club premises.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Raise membership levels

Spread the management load

Make better use of the facility

Increase attendance

## **Recreational and Community**

The Parish has a number of recreational areas available to residents, these are at the Village Hall and the recently acquired land off Hough Lane Carlton Scroop, there is also the Village Green at Carlton Scroop though the proximity to the main road limits the use of this for anything other than a green space. The Village Hall Committee have also been negotiating for some time with one of the local land owners to acquire an area at the side of the Village Hall for use of the residents for sports etc. One of the potential stumbling blocks has been the requirement (cost) to fence the land and ensure it is maintained in such a manner as not to become overgrown and a source of problems for the current landowner. The outcome is not yet clear. A range of children's play things were provided on land outside of the Social Club until a few years ago when they were removed on the advice of SKDC because of potential Health and Safety problems and the cost of bringing them up to the latest standard. It is unclear whether funding could be made available to replace these in view of the small number of children in the two villages.

The newsletter has been a success over the years since its inception though the editor has departed to pastures new.

## **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Set up new children's playground

Establish a new central play area/playing field

Investigate whether funds could be raised within the community for a tennis court

Improve publicity

## **CRIME AND SECURITY**

Security does not seem to be an area of concern to a high percentage of the villagers.

Considering £136.00 of every Council Tax Bill goes to the police for funding this is obviously an area that needs improving.

Forty two percent of people questioned had called the police at some time with regard to security issues.

Concerns are raised as a resounding 86% of villagers said they had concerns about the lack of police presence in the area.

Our local Police Community Support Officer Rob Chester covers an area that stretches from Long Bennington to Fulbeck and out to Ancaster, this is a vast area to be covered by one officer.

Sixty four percent of the people questioned said they would be keen to see the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme extended. There is a scheme in place in part of Carlton Scroop and again 55% said they would be willing to take part in the scheme if it were to

extend further into both villages.

### **ISSUES FOR THE ACTION PLAN**

Improve Police presence in the villages

Expand existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Organise Police visits and talks on improving security

Supply information to every household detailing relevant contact numbers/addresses for local Police, amenities and services

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**ACTION PLAN – HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT****APPENDIX 1**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
To support small scale development on those Greenfield sites already identified	Inform all those parties who are involved in the development process at the planning consultation stage	Contact SKDC Inform Landowners Advise Parish Council	Steering Group to monitor progress	February 2008
To consider where possible the inclusion of affordable housing	Canvass those land owners who have land suitable for small scale development	Set up a mechanism with the Parish Council which would inform the Steering Group of would be applications	Steering Group to monitor progress	March 2008
To obtain approval from SKDC for sites to be earmarked as affordable housing	Include in local Development Plan as Supplementary Planning Guidance	Include comments in current Core Strategy for LDF	Steering Group to contact Planning Department	March 2008
To carry out a housing needs survey for both villages to identify need	Obtain approval from the Community Council for them to undertake independent survey	Contact Community Council	Community Council Steering Group	April 2008
To carry out a further survey to identify elderly and disabled persons	Steering Group to send out follow up letter	In consultation with the Environmental Health Department identify whether they would qualify for either disabled persons or improvement grant	Steering Group and Environmental Health Department	April 2008

**ACTION PLAN – HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT****APPENDIX 2**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Time table</b>
Reduce speed through Village	Get 30 mph and 40mph flashing signs	Steering Group & Parish Council to seek funds/sponsorship	Steering Group to monitor	ASAP (No later than March 2008)
Reduce HGV through Village	Lobby LCC Highways LRSP	Steering Group to keep up pressure	Steering Group & volunteer pressure group	2008
Improve pedestrian safety	Identify hot spot areas. Keep all paths maintained widen where possible. Lower footpaths by humpback bridge	LCC highways	Steering Group Parish Council	2008
Connect Normanton to Carlton Scroop and Carlton Scroop to Honington via footpath	Continue to lobby LCC. Maintain footpaths and verges in good condition	LCC Highways Department	Steering Group to lobby Parish Council	ASAP (No later than December 2008)
Bypass	Keep interest for the future	Keep lobby going	Steering Group, Parish Council and local pressure group	2012



**ACTION PLAN – NURSERY FACILITIES AND EDUCATION****APPENDIX 3**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Promote local schools and nurseries effectively to all new young families moving to the Parish	Establish a Parish website that contains all local schools and nursery details	Ensure this is regularly updated and any school or nursery activities are promoted throughout the Parish	Steering Group, Village website coordinator and village news letters	March 2008 and thereafter every quarter
Help maintain local school numbers to ensure continued viability	Development of housing for young families	Local Councillors to lobby South Kesteven District Council for small developments of starter homes	Steering Group via Parish Council and Local Councillor Vic Kerr to review this every 3 months	December 2008

**ACTION PLAN – EMPLOYMENT**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
To inform local Parishioners of all employers and their employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius	To enter such appropriate employers details and vacancies on the Parish website	Local employers to be canvassed to support the Parish website and use it as a vehicle to publish vacancies	Steering Group and website coordinator	December 2008
To encourage small industrial or redundant farm buildings to be used (subject to planning consent) for use of local labour i.e. metal work, wood craft etc	Search out redundant buildings and encourage owners to apply for the necessary permissions	To support any suitable application and to converse with local planners and other bodies to gain necessary consent	Steering Group to co-ordinate with South Kesteven District Council	December 2008

**ACTION PLAN – HEALTH****APPENDIX 4**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Ensure continued availability of medical and accident and emergency services at Grantham Hospital	Lobby the local health authority to ensure the Parish views are known	Write to local Health Authority to advise the views and concerns of the Parish and nominate a representative to attend any open or consultative meetings	Steering Group to liaise with Parish Council to keep up pressure	Immediate and ongoing
Ensure all Parishioners have adequate information to enable speedy access to routine and emergency medical cover	Produce a definitive list of all local facilities and contact information	Include in the information card to be supplied to all Parishioners	Steering Group via village news letters	February 2008
Support local Air Ambulance Service	Provide funding	Investigate funding from Precept or Organise fundraising events	Interested persons and volunteers	Annually
Consider funding or part funding of distress call systems for vulnerable residents	Identify any vulnerable residents	Investigate suitable systems and costs	Steering Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2008

**ACTION PLAN – ST NICHOLAS CHURCH****APPENDIX 5**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Improve attendance and support	Make residents more aware of what services and events there are	Seek sponsorship and make Newsletter free to all homes	Parochial Church Council	Immediate
Improve the revenue stream by using the building for other suitable events	Identify events in keeping with the setting	Publicise the availability of the building	Parochial Church Council	Ongoing

**ACTION PLAN – VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Increase size of Management Committee and Trustees	Actively seek new Committee members including Chairman and Secretary	Canvas suitable individuals	Village Hall Committee	Immediate
Make better use of the facility (1)	Increase the number of community events	Review viability of activities suggested in questionnaire	Village Hall Committee	Ongoing
Make better use of the facility (2)	Improve facilities	Seek local, district and national funding for repairs and improvements	Village Hall Committee	Ongoing
Make better use of the facility (3)	Review previous attempts to extend the catchment area	Canvas for new committee member(s) from Hough on the Hill and other local villages	Village Hall Committee	February 2008
Improve attendance at events	Investigate improved publicity (Email?)	Work with other groups to develop a letter to all residents	Village Hall Committee	ASAP

**ACTION PLAN – SOCIAL CLUB****APPENDIX 6**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Raise membership levels	Instigate concerted membership drive	Advertise in Parish Newsletter	Social Club Secretary	February 2008
Spread Management load	Increase size of Committee	Actively seek support at AGM	Committee Chairman	April 2008
Make better use of the facility	Organise more social events	Greater membership input into organising events	Committee	February 2008
Increase attendance	Improve publicity (Email?)	Work with other groups to develop a letter to all residents	Social Club Secretary	February 2008

**ACTION PLAN – RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Setup new children's playground	Investigate funding streams for new play equipment	Source a site, obtain relevant permission and identify outside sponsors	Steering Group	December 2008
Establish a new central play area/playing field	Identify a suitable site	Pursue acquisition of additional land adjacent to the village hall	Village Hall Committee	December 2008
Investigate whether funds could be raised within the community for a tennis court	Identify potential donors	Work with other interested groups to develop a letter to all residents	Steering Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2008
Improve Publicity	Seek a new editor for the village newsletter	Canvas suitable individuals	Parish Council to liaise with newsletter editor	February 2008

**ACTION PLAN – CRIME AND SECURITY****APPENDIX 7**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Solution</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Improve Police presence in the villages	Contact Lincolnshire Police for co-operation	Liaise with Community Support Officer	Steering Group PCSO	April 2008
Expand existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Improve number of members & co-ordinators	Publish expansion plans & appeal for volunteers	Steering Group Existing Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators	April 2008
Police visits and talks on security	Mobile Unit visit to village Hall car park Talk in village hall	Liaise with Lincolnshire Police & Police Community Support Officer	Steering Group PCSO Lincolnshire Police	April 2008
Supply information to every household of relevant contact numbers/addresses for local Police, amenities & services	Laminated information card for every household.	Collate all contact numbers/addresses & produce card	Steering Group in concert with Parish Council	February 2008