

Volunteer Action (cont.)

volunteers willing to come out & chat regularly. Our aim is to help improve your well-being and how you define that is largely down to you. Our opening hours for these services are Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12.30. The phone number for all our services is 01832 275433. Or you can email us on admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk.

Further information on Volunteer Action is on the parish noticeboards

VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

We will soon have a vacancy for one councillor following the resignation of Cllr Goldsmith (many thanks must go to Keith for all his hard work during his time as a councillor), representing the Lilford Ward, and now welcome applications from anyone wishing to fill this gap. Any resident can apply if they fulfil the following criteria:

You are over 18, on the electoral register, and have lived, worked, owned or tenanted property in the area for at least the past 12 months.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council – Mrs. Nicki Phillips on 07562372430 (please leave a message or send a text) or by email: parishcouncilforlwta@gmail.com. Please note that the Clerk does not work every day so there may be a delay in replying.

WEBSITE

Please visit the Parish Council website where a great deal of information can be found including all meeting agendas and minutes, copies of our policies and procedures, and financial information. This can be found at: <http://www.lwta-parishcouncil.org.uk>. Copies of the meeting agendas and minutes are also posted onto the noticeboards.

WHAT ELSE?

The election of councillors due to be held in May 2019 has been postponed until 2020 due to the local government reforms and the introduction of the new unitary authorities.

ALL INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

LILFORD WIGSTHORPE THORPE ACHURCH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 2019

Dear Residents,

Please find in this newsletter information about your Parish Council and what it does, and can do on your behalf. If you have any questions on any aspect of the Council's work please contact the Clerk, email: parishcouncilforlwta@gmail.com

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Lilford Wigsthorpe Thorpe Achurch Parish Council has 6 councillors and meets bi-monthly (January, March, May, July, September, November, on the second Tuesday of the month, in The Upper Room of The Fox Inn, Thorpe at 8pm – members of the public are more than welcome at all meetings.

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Mr. Shaun Moffat (Chair)
Mr. Terry Barcham (Highways & Rights of Way)
Mr. Keith Goldsmith
Mr. Tim Bird (Vice Chair)
Mr. Tracy Wright
Ms. Linda Saunders

Clerk Mrs. Nicki Phillips.

Tel: 07562372430 (please leave a message or send a text)

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WHO DOES WHAT?

Parish Council Responsibilities - it can be confusing to know which council is responsible for what services in the village.

Parish and town councils are part of local government in Northamptonshire together with Northamptonshire County Council and East Northants District Council. Each is responsible for different things.

Your Parish Council is responsible for - seats and benches, the village noticeboards, the telephone kiosks, and the Achurch war memorial.

The District Council is responsible for local services including housing, local planning, environmental health and refuse collections.

The County Council is responsible for strategic services such as highways, education, libraries, social services, strategic planning and refuse disposal.

Highway problems - if you wish to report problems such as potholes, overgrown verges, or problems with footpaths, you can report on line at: <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor>. Problems with the yellow grits bins should also be reported to NCC but issues concerning the red bin at Lilford must be reported to the Clerk.

WHAT LWTA PC ACHIEVED DURING 2018

PLANNING – commented on 8 planning application taking residents views into consideration.

BUS SERVICE – gave support to a scheme to help fund the Call Connect bus service. Unfortunately sufficient support was not pledged to allow the proposals to be carried out.

BANK CLOSURE – made representation to Barclays expressing concerns over closure.

CONSULTATIONS – responded to consultation documents re local government reform (Unitary Authority). Responded to East Northamptonshire Draft Local Plan Part 2 consultation document.

HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY – approached landowners where footpaths have become overgrown. Reported potholes and other damage to NCC Street Doctor.

WIGSTHORPE – the bench was installed near to the BT kiosk several months ago and hopefully has proved to be a suitable resting place for those walking the nearby Nene Way as well as for local residents.

ACHURCH – gave consideration to speed reduction methods (village gates, Visual Speed Indicator Sign on the Thorpe – Achurch road including lobbying NCC (unsuccessfully) for a 30 mph limit through Achurch.

LILFORD – contacted County Councillor and MP re roll out of fast Broad Band. Successfully applied for a grant of £100 towards the cost of a defibrillator.

THORPE – repair work has been carried out by Councillors to the benches and to the village sign. Currently the Parish Council is working with ENC to try to get a litter bin installed in the layby on the A605 in the hope that those using the layby will place their rubbish in the bin instead of leaving it in the layby and adjacent area. Considered a request from residents, and consulted ENC, for the provision and installation of street name signs. Approached NCC on several occasions expressing residents concerns re the speed of traffic on the A605, and the condition of the soft verges.

VOLUNTEER ACTION - www.volunteeractionoundle.org.uk

As you get older, or perhaps because you've always lived with a disability, it can be hard to get to those places that really matter to you. If you find yourself at home more than you'd like, you may wish you could see more people in your home.

Volunteer Action provides a car scheme for those who cannot access public transport and can take you to many of the places you would like to go – not just the hospital and doctor's surgery but also shopping, to the hairdresser, to visit friends etc. We also run a befriending service of