

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AS SUBMITTED

BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

FOR THE MAY 2018 MEETING

For 2017 – 2018 the Parish Council membership remained the same. Thank you to all of the councillors for their attendance and contribution. We are a small village but have to attend to the same statutory requirements as all Parish Councils. Particular thanks to our Clerk, Vicky Waples, who ensures we attend to everything we should, and as our Responsible Financial Officer keeps our accounts in good order. Her support is greatly appreciated in everything we do and is helping enormously as we attend to the new Data Protection Regulations.

We have bi-monthly meetings and, along with local issues, consider and respond to consultations in the wider area. This year we have responded to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan consultation, which included a proposal to define a Settlement Boundary for the village and included possible areas for development. Our response also commented on a number of district-wide issues including the need for better broadband in rural areas. Further consultation on the revisions will take place in the summer.

We also considered the Boundary Commission recommendations for the review of electoral divisions in the Babergh District. Their final decision is expected in the autumn.

Thanks to our County Councillor, James Finch, and our District Councillor, Bryn Hurren for their regular reporting of County and District issues. Unfortunately, due to illness, James was not able to attend as often as usual, but that gave Bryn a chance to say a bit more and keep us up to date with news from Boxford and the Quay Theatre too!

We haven't seen many parishioners at our meetings, but if that's because they are happy with life in Lindsey, I think we can be happy too.