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Village Plan Report

The Village Plan Report is now available on the village website:
<https://northluffenham.com/village-survey-report>.

As it proved to be quite an extensive document, because of costs, only a limited number have been printed. If you require access to a printed copy please contact Tim Smith on 01780 360083. There will be a presentation in the Community Centre of the survey on Thursday 25th January 2018 at 7pm. And finally: **The Prize Draw Entry**: this is for the two course meal and a bottle of house wine at The Fox: the draw will take place at The Fox on 21st December.

I would wish to thank all those involved in collecting and sorting the data and producing and publishing this extensive report which provides an excellent snapshot of the village.

St George's Barracks Development.

On Thursday 7th December the Parish Council's St George's Barracks Steering Group held an initial meeting with villagers in the Parish Church. It was explained that the aim of the Steering Group was to work with the Village to identify the key concerns relating to the proposed St George's Barracks Development. It was intended that Group would advise the Parish Council and help to deliver research and feedback. The Group will provide a conduit to Rutland County Council and seek to influence the Project Board's thinking. The PC Members of the Group are Paul Cummings, Tim Smith and Pete Burrows. Tim Collins has agreed to join the group as an advisor and lead on environmental matters.

A very useful discussion of the major issues ensued, which should help to enable the Parish Council to understand concerns and aspirations regarding the development of the site. A record of the meeting has been published on the Village Website, if you would like a hard copy please contact me: (01780 720124). Likewise, if you would like to join the steering group please give me a call.

RCC will hold a consultation event for local residents keen to participate in focus groups on 29th Jan in the Officers Mess. Capacity will be 200 or so. There would be 2 x sessions one in the afternoon and one in the evening. PCs and Clerks will be invited to attend. Individuals wishing to participate in this consultation event will need to register their interest using the RCC Parish Briefing Feedback Form, which is available at:

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/st-georges/> and should be sent to: stgeorges@rutland.gov.uk. A copy of the proforma can also be found at: <https://northluffenham.com/category/parish-council/st-georges-barracks-development/>

BONFIRE NIGHT 2017

Many thanks indeed to everyone that helped to organize Bonfire Night this year. With good weather and no significant wind, we attracted a large crowd and as a result of the sterling work of Bucket Collectors, BBQ Chefs, Hot Drinks sellers and everything else, we raised some £3,800 which covered the cost of the event and produced a significant surplus to ensure that we should be able to run the event again next year. Thanks also to the willing band that helped to clear up after the event, your efforts were hugely appreciated.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Parish Council are looking for an Internal Auditor to work with the Responsible Financial Officer to review accounts, processes and procedures. A small honorarium is provided. If interested, please initially contact the Parish Clerk, nlparishclerk@outlook.com for further details.

PRECEPT 2018-19

The Parish Council are currently finalising the budget for FY 2018-19. A number of exceptional costs have been identified which may potentially result in a significant increase to the Precept for FY2018-19. These include:

- Costs relating to the implementation of the new 30mph speed limit on Edith Weston Road and the imposition of a new 40mph limit on Station Road, with new illuminated signs etc. These are long sought road safety enhancements but will need to be funded.
- Cost of street lighting – due to changes imposed by RCC bills are now to be funded during the Financial Year rather than a year in arrears. This has resulted in a one-off additional charge of £551. We will need to consider how best to meet this additional charge.

The budget proposals will be published in full prior to the next PC meeting on 8th Jan 18.

THANK YOU

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone that has worked so hard to make this village so very special. There are challenges ahead, but I know that with so many people providing their time to help Clubs and Societies, the School, the Church, the Village Trust, Good Companions, Good Neighbour Scheme, the Parish Council and so much more, we have every reason to be confident about the future. I wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.