

Haxey Parish Council, Newsletter, September 2010

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Power of Well Being Training



Haxey Parish Council has undertaken the Power of Well Being training run by ERNLLCA (East Riding & North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association. (9th from the right Mr Alan Barker).

The eligibility criteria requires a Council to have a qualified Clerk, 80% of the Councillors trained in the use of the power, at least 2/3 of vacancies on the Council filled at the last ordinary election and to have published a statement of intent as to community engagement. The latter has yet to be done but once this is complete the Parish Council will be able to use the power to promote or improve the economic well-being of the area, promote social well-being, and promote or improve the environmental well-being of the area which includes health and culture.

Haxey Parish Plan

The Parish Council accepted the newly launched Haxey Community-Lea Parish Plan at its July meeting. This is the culmination of 18 months hard work by the Steering Group involving wide spread consultation with the community. There are 53 Actions recommended and when completed over the next few years these will make significant improvements to life in Haxey Parish. Copies of the full Report are available from the Haxey Library and the Parish Clerk. Residents interested in joining the Parish Plan Action Group that will monitor and assist in the completion of various projects are requested to contact the Parish Clerk.

The Future of the Library Services at Haxey

Parishioners will now be aware that as part of the savings measures required by the national economic situation, North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) has entered into a consultation about the future provision of Library services to several local Town and Parishes. The consultation, which consists mainly of a briefing leaflet and questionnaire and is based on the different operation of the current facility, provides a choice of 2 options for the future. Option 1 is the retention of the Library facility with limited support from NLC and staffing of the Library by local volunteers. Option 2 is based on a mobile library facility with some choice of period of visits and stopping places. Neither of these options is acceptable to the Parish Council.

The consultation period expires on 20th August 2010 and it is hoped that NLC will receive a comprehensive response from Parishioners to their proposals in the questionnaire. Haxey Parish Council has been in communication with NLC Library Services and has written to NLC stating our objection to the Library closure.

In summary, whilst recognising the financial issues faced by NLC, the Parish Council's view is that as the Library is one of the focal points of the local Community, it should be retained as it currently is and that as this service is fundamental to the rural area, NLC should look to the urban areas for any Library savings.

Haxey Pubic Convenience Block

Parishioners will be aware from local press reporting that the toilet block in Haxey is scheduled for disposal, the toilets being declared surplus to NLC's requirements on 25th June 2010. Haxey Parish Council has indicated to NLC that it had an interest in the building prior to the decision to dispose of the facility and since the announcement there is anecdotal evidence that Parishioners would wish to retain the facility in the Village. The Parish Council will remain in contact with NLC over the issue and will support any efforts made by the Ward Councillors to overturn the closure decision; however, if there is indeed a widespread requirement for retention of the toilets from Parishioners, before the Parish Council can take the matter any further it would need to know the strength of public opinion for retention. Therefore, in order to gauge public opinion, Parishioners are requested to contact the Parish Council Clerk with their views as soon as possible.