

## NEWS FROM ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

During the December meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, **Joost Spit was co-opted as Parish Councillor** to fill the vacant position. He was cordially welcomed by all.

The meeting also discussed key topics including parking, the budget for 2018 and also the Parish Council Plan. '**The Plan**' sets out what the Council are going to do over a rolling three year period; the 'what, why, how and when'. The Plan has been prepared by the Parish Councillors following a seminar to consider local issues, available resources and priorities. The Plan was agreed by the Council as suitable for public consultation and we very much look forward to receiving feedback.

The Plan also contains important information on '**Our Core Values**', setting out how we intend to work together to achieve our goals. The Parish Councillors unanimously adopted the core values, which embrace such behaviours as fairness, sensitivity, transparency and working efficiently and effectively as a Team, above all getting on with delivery.

The Council also approved Grants to the:

- i) Royal British Legion, in support of the IW Armed Forces Day to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> June next year;
- ii) Optio Voluntary Car Scheme, a volunteer service run by Community ActionIW.

And finally, it is with regret that the Parish Council has accepted the resignation of the Clerk, Peter Baxter, who will leave office on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. The Parish Council wishes to put on record their sincere gratitude to Peter for his professionalism, commitment and support and also for the progress made during his tenure.

Accordingly, the Council are **seeking to fill the vital role of Clerk to the Parish Council**, which also includes the role of Responsible Financial Officer. Applications are being sought by the 5<sup>th</sup> January with interviews thereafter for immediate appointment. There are no forms, just write to the Chairman of the Council, including your CV and two references. Details of the role including Job Description and address where to send can be found on the parish website.

See the parish website for more information on all the news above.

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