

Chairs Report

26th March 2024

I attended Drax Church on 6th March, representing the Parish Council for the licensing of the Reverend Mark Poskitt, who is the new Reverend for Carlton, Drax, Hirst Courtney, and Hambleton. The event was incredibly well attended with a full church. It was attended by senior members of the church including the Archbishop and Arch Deacon of York. Also in attendance was Jon Watson from Carlton Primary School, and a few members from Carlton Village. The service was followed by refreshments at Read School, Drax, where I chatted with the attending members of the village.

On Saturday 23rd March I attended the Police surgery at St Marys church in the village. I spoke to a number of people in the village including speaking to Mrs Everatt who informed me the WI had recently had a coffee morning in the village hall and raised just short of £1000 for the McMillen Cancer charity.

PSCO Annie Newbould sent her apologies for tonight's meeting as she was not on shift. Earlier in the morning she had been speaking to someone on the Barratts estate who was complaining that there were groups of youths as young as 10 or 12 year old who had been making noise near the playground area at 2am in the morning. She advised that she has spoken to a few other residents around that area and none of them had heard anything. She has however made a note of it and will keep an eye on the area over the Easter holidays, and has encouraged anyone seeing anything to contact them as it is occurring so they can attend and deal with it.

I have spoken to Keeley Richardson from Frying Nemo regarding arranging to meet her husband at the Golden Garden to discuss the (Christmas Tree) electricity supply. She advised he is quite busy at the minute but would try to arrange a meeting date. I am still waiting for her to come back to me.

Whilst I did not attend the Drax Liaison meeting, Cllr Clayton did, and will update all at our meeting on 26th March.