

HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL

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IMPLICATIONS Does the Parish Council wish to apply to be included

- **Crime & Disorder**¹ – No implications arising from the Report have been identified.
- **Biodiversity**² - No implications arising from the Report have been identified.

By: Clerk

Date of Meeting : 9th August 2022

As you may be aware since 2012 Nottinghamshire County Council have administered a Lengthsman Scheme. This has allowed Parishes, with the funding provided and their corresponding match funding, to employ a Lengthsman who would complete tasks around the area or cluster. Tasks that a Lengthsman can tackle include grass and vegetation cutting, ensuring visibility of traffic signs, maintaining heritage and non-illuminated signs, clearing drains, ditches and storm debris, tidying roadsides, painting of traditional signs and ironwork and reporting problems to us.

Over the last 12 months we have been approached by Parish Councils, not part of the scheme, to request inclusion. County Councillor Neil Clarke MBE (Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee) is keen for the scheme to continue and to maximise community engagement and has decided to support the relaunch of the scheme with some subtle differences.

Additional Parishes will be invited to apply and those existing members will have an opportunity to continue as they are, or become part of a cluster of Parishes or stand alone. Training and PPE will be provided to participating parishes.

Applications for payment will be invited at the end of the financial year accompanied by supporting documentation and photos illustrating the work that has been completed during that year.

Funding allocation will be calculated on receipt of an expression of interest and will be agreed at the start of the year and form part of the Contract which will be issued subsequently.

¹ Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires parish councils to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.

² Section 40 Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006 requires local authorities to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity in exercising their functions. Biodiversity includes species of plants and animals and the ecosystems of which they are part.

I would be grateful if you will consider this proposal and respond by May 31st indicating whether you wish to continue as an existing Member or be considered as a new applicant.

If you can provide an e mail for all ongoing correspondence and a mobile number it would be appreciated.

If you have any questions please let me know

Kind Regards

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