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Shirley MacDonald, Responsible Financial Officer, receives a leaving gift from Chairman of The Council, Cllr. John Cole, at the Council's October meeting.

The Council Welcomes Jean as the Accounts Clerk

Shirley MacDonald left the Council at the end of October after 12 years service (first as Clerk and then as Responsible Financial Officer to the Council) in order to pursue a new profession - teaching accounts at the Grimsby Institute. The Council were saddened by her decision to leave, but wish her well with her new career. Shirley has indicated that she still wishes to be involved with the Town and is hoping to stand at the next Council elections in May 2008.

At the same time as Shirley announced her decision to leave the Council, advice was received from the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils regarding officer roles and job titles. As a result, the Council created the position of Accounts Clerk to the Council and this post has now been filled by Mrs Jean Mumby.



**Mrs Jean Mumby,
Accounts Clerk to the Town Council**

Jean joins the Council, having lived in Caistor and the area since the age of two. She is married to Steve and has two children. As well as working for the Council, Jean also works for a local accountancy firm.

The job title for the Clerk, Mrs Ruth Dawson, has also changed and she will now be known as the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to the Town Council.

Recent Events Held at the South Street Park

The South Street Park has recently been the venue for two very successful events:-

1. Proms In the Park

The third successive Proms in the Park event was held in September, with entertainment provided by the Market Rasen RPC Band. The event was once again sponsored by the Lincolnshire Co-op and crowds gathered at the Park with picnics, chairs and rugs to enjoy the music. There was a bucket collection and raffle, with over £300 raised for the Mayors Charities - Caistor First Responders and St. Andrews Children's Hospice.

The Council thank the volunteers who helped set up the event with sound, electricity, chairs for the band, flags, raffle etc. Thanks are also given to the Lincolnshire Co-op for their continued generous sponsorship for this wonderful community event.

Next year's event will be held on Sunday 14th September.

2. Lions Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Over 2,000 visitors attended this year's bonfire and firework display, organised by the Caistor & District Lions Club. The evening had a Star Wars theme, including the fancy dress and guy competitions, the firework display itself and there also a galactic battle featuring Darth Vader, Luke Skywalker and Storm Troopers. Hot dogs, soup and drinks were served throughout the evening and donations were taken on the gate, with all proceeds going to the local community and worthwhile causes.

The Council congratulates and thanks the Caistor & District Lions for once again putting on such a marvellous event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Liaison with the Probation Service

Over the past few months, Caistor Town Council has been working very closely with the Community Service and Youth Offenders organisations, who have been providing us with people who have to work a varied number of hours in the community.

This has been well organised and managed by Colin Cearnas, the Council's General Maintenance Officer, who has delegated different tasks for them all to complete, including cutting the sports ground hedge on North Kelsey Road, strimming the sports ground and park, cleaning weeds and ivy from the gravestones in the Congregational cemetery and painting various buildings and equipment.

We have been very fortunate in that the individuals concerned have put a lot of effort into their tasks and have provided Caistor with a marvellous service. One person was so keen to carry out a successful job that he even brought all his own tools and hedge trimmers to complete it to his satisfaction.

Cllr. J. Cole.

Town Plan has Sports, History and Health Next on the Agenda

Caistor Town Plan Steering Group are asking the above groups for their input into the latest collection of ideas and initiatives to be put forward in their efforts to provide the Town with a comprehensive document - the Caistor Town Plan. Arrangements are well on schedule for completion to first draft phase in January, with the final document to be made available to all groups, clubs and societies by the targeted slot in February.

Information has already been gathered from the Coffeehouse Challenge morning, the Open Garden afternoon and Skateboard Park day held in June, July and August respectively. In September CTPSG met to discuss future activities and the compilation of the questionnaire which will be distributed at the end of November. This follows the planned Sports Challenge at the Grammar School on 8th November and the Community History Quiz planned for 13th November.

Yet to be included are the Health Centre, Police and Caistor Society. More than 46 groups in Caistor have been contacted for their views, with some very positive and similar responses. With a concentrated effort, the whole community can benefit from the use of this extensive consultation to better the quality of life, facilities and services in Caistor.

Everyone will have access to the questionnaire being produced at the end of November. However, if you would like to send your ideas and suggestions on how you think Caistor can be improved in the future, please feel free to email caistortownplan@aol.com, or speak to one of the committee:- Sue Neave (Caistor 852307) or Deborah Barker (Caistor 851883).

Cllr. D. Barker

Town Hall, Market Place & First Responders All to Gain Funds From Caistor Town Council 2008 - 2009 Precept

The Town Council held its annual Precept Meeting on 23rd October 2007, when it worked out the precept to be levied for the ensuing financial year. It was agreed to increase the 2008/09 precept to £55,506 - this being an enhanced figure of £6556 over the previous year. This will cover special projects and administration costs.

Over the past 3 year period, the precept figure for 2008/09 has only risen 1.2% on the precept amount for 2004/05 (£54862). The general administration funding was raised due to the normal cost of living rises plus a need for more officer hours to reflect their ever demanding work load. These positions are being asked to be responsible for much more because of binding legislation and time consuming information requests from members of the public.

Items under special projects include:-

£5000 towards the town hall project to upgrade its facilities. (Other grant funding is in the pipeline)

The Town Hall Committee and volunteers have worked tirelessly to apply for funding to bring the building back to its former glory and anticipate a grant being made available soon. Caistor Town Council has agreed to match fund this huge project to enrich the failing facilities there and upgrade the quality of the building.

£3000 towards the re-siting of the Christmas lights onto lampposts. The Council hopes that this project will be finalised shortly and it is intended that the Christmas Lighting Scheme will be part of the Public Realm phase of the THI. We are awaiting confirmation from other funding partners regarding their input. The scheme, if funded and approved, will see the removal of lights and catenaries from the refurbished buildings on to strengthened lamp posts around the Square. This will mean that the lights will be erected and dismantled much more easily and conveniently each year.

£1000 for Caistor First Responders who carry out excellent work, but their running costs are always under pressure and funded by contributions only.

£5300 for the play areas in the South Street Park and the Sports field, in order to upgrade and replace play equipment, to ensure the health and safety of all children using the equipment under RoSPA guidelines

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr. John Cole, states that the annual precept is for the benefit of all in Caistor, whether they use or attend functions in the Town Hall, Park and Sports Field, or have the need to use First Responders.

It is important that we contribute in part to the regeneration of Caistor. Lincolnshire County Council, West Lindsey District Council and Caistor Town Council are match funding the sum already set aside from the THI for the redevelopment of the Market Place and surrounding area. This will have a positive impact on the economic development of Caistor, increasing tourist activity, revitalising the established businesses and encouraging growth in what is re-emerging as the really attractive market town it was in the past.

Christmas Trees and Lights, 2007

Once again, the Mayor of Enebakk, Tore Tiedemann, has been very generous in providing Caistor with a beautiful Christmas tree for the Town Centre. This year, the tree is even bigger and better than before and the Town Council are extremely grateful to Tore and the town of Enebakk for their generosity.

There has been a huge number of sponsors involved with the tree and decorations, including Sealord Caistor, Cherry Valley Farms, Hedges Transport, Hird Cranes, Lysline Shipping, Allison & Cadle, Lincolnshire County Council, J.W.Joyce Engineering, West Lindsey District Council, Caistor Town Council, all three Caistor Schools, the Youth Service, Paul Wiseman, Spar, Caistor Cooperative Society, Sandhams Wine Merchants and Caistor Post Office

In addition, many volunteers have come forward to help with the various jobs which have been necessary and the Council gives thanks to everyone who has given up their time to help in any way.



Erecting the Tree in the Market Place

The tree and lights in the Town Centre were switched on by the Mayor and Mayoress of Caistor, Cllr. John Cole and Mrs Sue Cole, at a grand ceremony held on Saturday 24th November. Children from the Caistor Schools paraded into the Market Place in a candle lit procession and this was followed by a programme of music by the Caistor Primary School Choir, The Kingsway Printers Band, the Caistor Ladies Choir and the Caistor Yarborough School Choir. The ceremony culminated with the arrival of Father Christmas, rounding off a superb evening which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Once again, the Council are extremely grateful to everyone who helped with the preparation and organising of this event. The hard work and effort which went into this is greatly appreciated. So many people have contributed, in so many different ways - thank you to you all!