

NORTHREPPS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Chairman's Report for 2015/16

We have had another very interesting year on the Parish Council. As is usual at this time, can I thank all our Councillors for their dedication and hard work, particularly our Vice Chairman Lorna Fish for her efforts when I have been absent. I would also like to welcome our new Councillors.

Work continues apace on the old Cherryridge site, although I guess it's now time we started calling it Gallus Close! I hope you will agree that visually the improvement to the centre of the Village is fantastic.

The vehicle activated speed sign continues to prove a good investment and the LED Street Lights continue to provide a significant saving. We continue our efforts with the footpaths around the Parish.

The Memorial bench seat continues to be well used and I am really pleased with the new bed on the bank behind it. We continue with our battle with the moles that are all around.

Our thanks again go to Jane and her team for the wonderful work they are doing with the plants around the village, the First Responders for the maintenance of the Defibrillator and of course to our bus shelter cleaners. Sadly, we lost Geoffrey Risebrow who for many years kept the Church Street Bus shelter in good order.

Again, thanks to the weather, our grit bins have not really been tested, but it is good to have them in place. I would also like to thank County Highways for their prompt responses to our monthly reports of Potholes. It is also good to see that we have finally got the Norwich Road re-surfaced and look forward to the bridge section being completed in the near future.

As a reminder, please keep using our bottle bank as the money raised does so much to pay for the Village Fireworks. My thanks must again go to all the volunteers who make the event on the 5th November so successful.

Thanks also to our District and County Councillors for their reports and to Alison and Barry for making the effort to attend our meetings with their Police reports.

Finally, my thanks go to Janet Warner, our Parish Clerk for her tremendous efforts, I don't know where we would be without her.

Chairman Alistair Mackay

Finance

The end of year accounts at 31 March 2016 showed receipts of £32,153.31 and payments of £14,235.89. The bank balance at the end of year stood at £40,291.06 which included earmarked reserves of £24,143.00. A precept of £14,454 was set for 2016/17 which was reduced to £13,300 as it was agreed to accept a grant of £1,154 from NNDC.

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