

NORTHREPPS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Chairman's Report for 2016/17

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.

Work on the Gallus Fields is gradually nearing completion, although there remain some planning issues to be resolved, it will be good to see the end of the lorries and vans coming in and out of the site and the finish of the noise of construction machinery reversing!

We finally managed to get our tree inspection done and the associated work is being carried out. The trees overhanging the flower bed have been cut back and the whole area is looking much better.

Our thanks again go to Jane and her team for the wonderful work they have done with the plants around the village. We will miss her. The children's play area is looking much better and it has been good to see so many people using it.

My thanks also go to the First Responders for the maintenance of the Defibrillator as well as our bus shelter cleaners. The memorial plaque to Geoff Risebrow has pride of place in the village centre shelter, a fitting memorial.

Again, thanks to the weather, our grit bins have not really been tested, but it is good to have them in place. I would like to thank County Highways for their prompt responses to our monthly reports of Potholes. It is also good to see bridge section on the Norwich Road has been resurfaced now.

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

Thanks also to our District and County Councillors, in particular to Wyndham Northam who is retiring after many years service to us all. Thanks too 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 all her efforts on our behalf. They are very much appreciated.

Chairman Alistair Mackay

Finance

The end of year accounts at 31 March 2017 showed receipts of £19,720.30 and payments of £31,711.94. The bank balance at the end of year stood at £28,299.42 which included earmarked reserves of £11,700.00. A precept of £15,629 was set for 2017/18 which was reduced to £14,602 as it was agreed to accept a grant of £1,027 from NNDC. This equates to approximately £38 per annum per band D household.

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