

ASHBY CUM FENBY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

For Year 2015/2016

Councillors' Attendances

Councillors were present at the full meetings of the Parish Council called 12 times for 2015-16 as detailed below:

Cllr. C.A. Pearson	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. N Pettigrew	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. E. Tippett	10 out of possible 12
Cllr. M Neal	1 out of possible 3 (resigned June 2015)
Cllr. S Wood	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. J Thomson	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. J Shaw	6 out of possible 6 (Co-opted October 2015)

The year began with the re-appointment of Cllr. Cherry Ann Pearson as Chair and Cllr. Nick Pettigrew as Vice-Chair. Cllr. Matthew Neal, a Parish Councillor for 4 years; resigned from the council in June 2015, he was thanked for his service, contribution and representation of parishioners over this period. Cllr. John Shaw was co-opted October 2015.

In addition to attending the Parish Council meetings, Councillors also attended planning meetings of the Parish Council as and when they were called.

Councillors also served and represented Ashby Cum Fenby on various outside bodies and their meetings. These included: the Town and Parish Liaison Committee held in conjunction with North East Lincolnshire Council and East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils' Association. Councillors also attended ERNLLCA Training sessions on Governance and Decision Making.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council are a statutory consultee of the local Planning Authority, which is NELC, and are consulted on all planning applications within the Parish or close to its boundary if in a neighbouring Parish.

During the course of the year 15 planning applications were considered.

Finance

The precept set by the Parish Council for 2015-2016 was £2927.00. Other income came from VAT reclaimed from the previous year (as is allowed to local authorities and affiliated bodies) and which totalled approx. £290.91.

Expenditure for the year centred around general administration such as the Clerk's salary, Parish Rooms Rental and annual subscriptions to local council bodies such as East Riding and Northern Lincs. Local Councils' Association and Insurance, including public liability.

Other major expenditure included the ongoing commitment to keeping the grass cut on the village green via a grounds maintenance contract, with additional expenditure on the planters which have been situated on the village green.

The Precept for the coming year was set in January 2015, at £2971.00 this was an increase of 1.5%. The funds would be needed to cover annual running costs.

Weight Restriction Signage

North East Lincolnshire Council placed Weight Restriction signs in November 2015 as you enter the village from the B1203 and the T-junction of Main Road/Thoroughfare.

Website

Due to new legislation; smaller Parish Councils now have to have a website. The government offered funding to cover the costs. The Parish Council obtained the funding and the Website has now been completed. <http://www.ashbycumfenbypc.com/>

Community Led Plan

A Steering Group was created and villagers were invited to attend a Community Consultation Event on Saturday 12th March. The Steering Group have created an action plan from the findings of the consultation, to present to the Parish Council for adoption.

General Matters

Humberside Police continue to attend meetings. The Neighbourhood Beat Team comprising PCSO Lesley Parry, PCSO Richard Heseltine and PCSO Alex Hibbetson regularly attend the Parish Council meetings and submit a monthly report, which is posted on the Notice Board.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with NELC on issues that affect the village, particularly verges, signage, road safety, PROWs, Planning, drainage and enforcement and will continue to assist in the resolution of any problems highlighted by parishioners.

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