

# ASHBY CUM FENBY PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT

### For Year 2016/2017

#### Councillors' Attendances

Councillors were present at the full meetings of the Parish Council called 12 times for 2016-17 as detailed below:

Cllr. C.A. Pearson	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. N Pettigrew	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. E. Tippett	7 out of possible 9 (resigned December 2016)
Cllr. S Wood	11 out of possible 12
Cllr. J Thomson	12 out of possible 12
Cllr. J Shaw	11 out of possible 12

The year began with the re-appointment of Cllr. Cherry Ann Pearson as Chair and Cllr. Nick Pettigrew as Vice-Chair. Cllr. Ed Tippett, a Parish Councillor for 9 years; resigned from the council in December 2016, he was thanked for his service, contribution and representation of parishioners over this period.

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 11 planning applications were considered. North East Lincolnshire Council have approved 9 of the planning applications; 6 of which were for extensions to existing properties, the remaining 3 has increased dwellings within Ashby cum Fenby by 4. The other 2 applications are still pending consideration, which if approved will increase the number of dwellings by another 9.

## Finance

The precept set by the Parish Council for 2016-2017 was £2971.00. Other income came from VAT reclaimed from the previous year (as is allowed to local authorities and affiliated bodies) and which totalled approx. £790.04.

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 2016, at £3060 this was an increase of 3%. The funds would be needed to cover annual running costs.

## Community Led Plan

The Community Led Plan was formally adopted by the Parish Council 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Copies of the document were sent to North East Lincolnshire Council departments. Mr Andy Smith (NELC Drainage Officer) attended a meeting to answer questions regarding drainage in the village.

## Telephone Box

The telephone box has undergone some maintenance work. The plastic panes have been removed and replaced with glass panes. Thanks go to Councillors Tippett and Pettigrew.

## Bi-Annual Village Event – Hog Roast

The event was extremely well planned and supported with ticket sales of 82 adults and 8 children. Mr and Cllr Pearson kindly consented to the event once again being held in their garden.

## General Matters

Humberside Police continue to attend meetings. The Neighbourhood Beat Team comprising PCSO Lesley Parry, PCSO Kirsty Davidson, PCSO Lindsey McNeil and PC Matt Stephenson 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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