

Report of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2007 to the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 24 May 2007.

Meetings

The Parish Council met seven times during the year to discuss various issues including eight planning applications.

The PC met on the following dates: 2006 - 16 May, 22 June, 8 August, 16 October, 6 November: 2007 - 25 January and 15 February.

New Clerk

Linda Cariss retired as Clerk to the Council after more than ten years of sterling work. The new Clerk is James Mackman who has been Clerk to Upper Poppleton Parish Council for over nine years.

Accounts

The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 are attached to this report. They show that the Parish Council spent £761.67 more than it received. The year end balance is £4,240.12. This money is currently held in the Halifax Building Society earning interest at 0.9%. Shortly the funds are to be transferred to a new account at the HSBC where the interest will be over 2%.

Precept

A Precept of £1,100 was raised for 2005/06 to meet the increasing costs of running the Parish Council. The precept for 2007/08 is £2,250 which is mainly to cover the increase in the Clerk's salary.

Paddocks

Over a year ago the City Council was asked to produce a document regarding the permitted use of paddocks. The report has not yet been received. The Parish Council is being insistent that a report is produced for the Parish Council to consider.

Allotments

The area allocated to allotments has now, owing to unprecedented demand, been split into three allotments.

Potholes

Potholes are an ongoing problem. Each new pothole is reported to the City Council which eventually deals with the problem.

7.5 tonne limit signs

The City Council has changed the position of the 7.5 tonne restriction signs on the A59 and it is hoped that they will now be more effective in keeping heavy vehicles out of the village.

Road sweeping

Road sweeping in the village is still a hit and miss affair. The City Council has been asked to provide a rota showing when the roads in Hessay should be swept but this has not yet been forthcoming.

Signs

The City Council has been asked to replace the missing passing places sign and reinstate the Main Street and Shirbutt Lane signs.

Village Pond

Marston Moor Drainage Board cleaned out the village pond during the year at a cost of £368.36. The cost was met by a grant from the City Council.