

## **Report of the Hessay Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2019 to the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8 May 2019.**

### **Meetings**

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months. Extra Parish meetings are called if there is a planning application to consider. Last year the Parish Council met on the following dates: -

2018 – 9 May, 15 June, 12 September and 14 November. 2019 - 9 January and 13 March.

### **Parish Councillors**

Councillor Barratt was re-elected Chairman at the Parish Council meeting in May 2018.

Roger Hildreth, Olivia Johnson, Mike Lord and Ann Watson served as Councillors during the year.

### **Accounts**

The unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 are attached to this report. They show that the Parish Council spent £27.96 more than it received. The year-end balance is £9,415.39.

### **Planning Applications**

Seven planning applications were considered during the year as well as the application for the Asphalt Plant.

The City Council refused planning permission for the asphalt plant site. There is a strong possibility that the applicant may appeal to the Secretary of State, but we haven't heard that this has happened to date.

The Parish Council incurred £2,419 in consultants' fees this year in the bid to defeat the planning application.

### **Parish Council Land**

#### **Registration of Parish Land**

The Parish Council is still endeavouring to register the ownership of its five parcels of land with the Land Registry. The Land Registry asked for more details and these have been sent.

#### **Willow Garth**

Councillors Barratt Hildreth inspected the trees in Willow Garth and cut off the branches that were hanging dangerously over the road and footpath.

#### **Pond Area**

Councillor Barratt has been attending the area around the pond.

The offer of a picnic table has been accepted by the Parish Council. This is due to be installed this year.

#### **Allotments**

All the allotments were let last year. Rent for the current year is now due.

## **Roads & Footpaths**

The City Council installed a barrier on the pavement in front of the gate to the children's play area. The "crocodile teeth" at the two entrances to the village have been repainted as have the 30mph signs on the roads.

### *Community Speed Watch*

In May 2018 it was noted that a resident had volunteered to be the lead on a Community Speed Watch Scheme in the village. A number of residents have shown interest in the scheme, but more would be welcome.

*Community Payback* cleared the vegetation from the path between the Chapel and Fieldside House. They are being asked to come back and clear the footpath along Shirbutt Lane.

## **Communications**

### *Website*

Helen Candy has continued to look after the Parish Council's website which can be found at [www.hessay.org](http://www.hessay.org).

The website includes details about the Parish Councillors, many of the Parish Council's activities and documents required by the Transparency Code.

Mrs Candy is about to leave the village for a while so the Parish Council is looking for another party to host and look after a website which can be used to display the items required by the Transparency Code.

### *Broadband*

Fibre to the cabinet has now been delivered to the village and Broadband is now accessible to all but 13 houses. The Parish Council is endeavouring to have these 13 houses connected.

## **Defibrillator**

The City Council's Rural West York Ward Committee gave £1,500 towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Discussion is still ongoing as to where the defibrillator should be located.

## **Cycle path along the A59**

It was agreed that, as neither Sustrans nor the City Council supported the idea of a cycle path alongside the A59, the subject be taken off the agenda until circumstances change.

## **Post Script**

Roger Hildreth has not stood for election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This leaves an ordinary vacancy on the Parish Council which the re-elected Councillors will need to fill by co-opting a Hessay resident.

James Mackman

Clerk to the Parish Council

8 May 2019