

# **Chairman's Annual Report to Kirk Deighton Parish Council**

**10 May 2022**

## **1. Covid - 19**

From the beginning of this year, April 2021, the Covid -19 restrictions had been lifted allowing the parish council meetings to resume to actual meetings rather than virtual 'on-line' meetings. This was most welcome.

## **2. The Parish Council's financial position to 31 March 2022**

The cost of running the Parish to 31 March 2022 was £11542 which includes the cost of grass cutting together with the new VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) £3822, taken from the earmarked funds, and the demolition costs for the bus shelter £2156

The income for the year was £6969

The precept for 2022/23 will be £5902

The balance in the bank on 31 March 2022 was £5613 although there were some outstanding invoices to settle from that sum which have now been paid.

## **3. Planning and Development**

The planning and development in the village has again been restricted due to the covid situation.

There were no major developments directly within the parish. There have been some small developments and barn conversions which have improved the derelict barns on the A168.

## **4. Safer Neighbourhood and Traffic**

Following additional speed surveys in the village when the Covid restrictions were lifted and traffic volumes returned to normal, the council approved the purchase of a mobile VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) to be shared between two locations in the village. This was commissioned in February at a cost of £3185(net) and will monitor traffic speed and volume on Wetherby Road or Mark Lane. Initial findings show the average speed on Wetherby Road to be 34.4 MPH with an average vehicle count of 1500 per day. It is hoped that the flashing speed sign will encourage drivers to respect the 30MPH limit through the village.

## **5. Grass Cutting and Village Appearance**

After many years of service cutting the grass in the village Pullans Landscape and Maintenance ended their contract due to retirement. The council appointed the grass cutting contract to Moreland Garden Services. Whilst initial cuts were difficult due to the length of the grass the verges looked very tidy after the final cut in October.

A new bench seat was installed on Mark Lane overlooking the cricket ground in memory of the late David Scorah, who served the village in many ways.

## **6. Newsletter**

Councillor David Halpin published an October/November edition of the Kirk Deighton newsletter, detailing village issues and forthcoming events.

## **7. Aims and Objectives**

To continue to lobby NYCC to attend to the poor condition of the roads in the village and the state of the drains and kerb edges.

To work with our insurance company to have the bus shelter at School House Terrace rebuilt, following its destruction after a road traffic accident. All building work has been difficult following the Covid restrictions.

To pursue the installation of a second defibrillator for the village located in the old telephone kiosk outside the Bay Horse pub.

To support any planned celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee to be held in June 2022

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