

Chairman's Annual Report to Kirk Deighton Parish Council

May 2023

1. The Parish Council's financial position to 31 March 2023

The cost of running the Parish to 31 March 2023 was £5535 (net of the reclaimable Vat £418)

The income for the year was £13,483.70 (including the insurance payment for the bus shelter £4,981.40)

The balance in the bank on 31 March 2023 was £13056.

The precept for 2023/24 will be £7100.

2. Planning and Development

There were no major applications or developments directly within the parish.

3. Safer Neighbourhood and Traffic

The VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) installed in February 2022 and is to be shared between two locations in the village and has been in use now for 12 months. Whilst the average speed is recorded at 34mph at both locations. However, the volume of vehicles travelling into the village is much higher than expected.

4. Grass Cutting and Village Appearance

Moreland Garden Services continued to undertake the grass cutting contract for the village.

Following consultations with HBC the street waste bins in the village were replaced with new larger versions. Whilst the number of bins was reduced from seven to four, they are now all emptied on a fortnightly cycle by HBC.

5. Parish Elections

Parish Council Elections 5th May 2022 the following Councillors have been elected to the Parish Council: David Richardson Penny Warneken Rosie Wilson David Halpin Debbie Marriott.

6. Road Conditions

The parish council has continued to lobby NYCC Highways Department to repair the road surface and clear the gutters and drains. The larger potholes were patched as a temporary measure before major resurfacing is hopefully carried out. Discussions with NY Police and through our Ward Cllr Andy Paraskos have helped in getting some highways work completed.

7. Village Events

The Parish Council has supported the Village Events Team (K D Events) who organised a very successful Queen's Jubilee event and installed a Time Capsule at the village War Memorial. They also undertook the installation of the Christmas tree lights and hosted the switch-on party.

The council endeavored to claim a grant for a Queens Jubilee Commemorative Tree but were frustrated by the ideal sites being unsuitable due to underground services prohibiting any planting on Main Street.

The parish council acknowledge the work that KD Events are now undertaking in the village.

8. Defibrillator

With the help of a generous donation from Ward Councilor Andy Paraskos a second defibrillator for the village (currently on back order due to high demand) will be installed in the bus shelter on Main Street,

9. 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.

To support any planned celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles 111 to be held in May 2023.

To recruit a new Cllr to replace David Halpin who resigned in March.

David Richardson

Chair Kirk Deighton Parish Council

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