

Report of the Hessay Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2010 to the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 2010.

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 seven times to discuss various issues including eight planning applications.

The Parish Council met on the following dates:

2009 - 13 May, 8 July, 29 July, 9 September and 11 November.

2010 - 13 January, 12 March.

Parish Councillors

Phil Wood was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the May 2009 meeting. All Councillors have served throughout the year.

Councillor Booth was elected Chairman at the Parish Council meeting in May 2009.

Accounts

The Unaudited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 are attached to this report. They show that the Parish Council received £2,572.94 more than it spent. £1,874 of the surplus is Section 106 money received from the developers of Croft Farm.

The City Council has never charged the Parish Council for the swing that was installed in the children's play area.

The year end balance is £9,045.07. Council funds are held in the HSBC. Most of the funds are kept in a Business Money Manager Account. Interest is a paltry 0.01%.

PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

Traffic Issues

Potholes

The incidence of potholes in the village roads after the exceptionally hard winter has been reported to the City Council's Highways Department. Because of the enormous amount of damage that occurred to roads over the winter CYC is prioritising the mending of potholes.

Communications

Newsletters

A number of Newsletters have been circulated to all households in the village. Councillors have also delivered the City Council's Ward Newsletters for which the Parish Council has received the princely sum of £32.49.

Website

Parish Council agendas and agreed minutes were being put on the Hessay Parish Council pages on the Local Channel website. This site now appears to be defunct. The future of the Parish Council's presence on a website is to be discussed at the May meeting

Bird & Bat Boxes

The City Council gave a grant of £199 to cover the cost of purchasing bat and bird boxes.

Phone Box

The Parish Council told BT that it could remove the phone box in Main Street as it did not wish to buy it for £1. BT wrote to say “If the kiosk is not adopted, it will simply remain in service as at present. As a little used kiosk, it may be subject to a future removal proposal/consultation. What we are doing is giving councils the opportunity to adopt kiosks now if they are wanted for heritage reasons, thus ensuring their retention regardless of any future rationalisation activity”. So, for the time being, the phone box is staying where it is.

Allotments

The City Council gave the Parish Council a grant of £300 to cover the cost of transporting top soil to the allotments. £200 was spent on transporting top soil. The balance will be spent in due course.

The Pond

A “DEEP WATER” sign was erected by the pond.

The City Council is now giving the Parish Council an annual grant for cutting the grass in the pond area. The Parish Council has given Dean Landscapes a contract to cut the grass but the number of times a year has yet to be agreed.

Main Street Seat

The seat by the notice board in Main Street has been refurbished.

BT pole in the pavement opposite the Chapel

When the BT pole was erected it was in the grass verge outside 3 Main Street. Since then a pavement has been laid and the BT pole was in the middle of it. BT was asked to move the pole and this has been done.

James Mackman
Clerk to the Parish Council
12 May 2010