

**Report of the Hessay Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2017 to the
Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 10 May 2017.**

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:

2016 - 11 May, 22 June, 13 July, 14 September and 9 November. 2017 - 11 January and 8 March.

Parish Councillors

Councillor Barratt was re-elected Chairman at the Parish Council meeting in May 2016.

Helen Candy, Roger Hildreth, Mike Lord and Ann Watson served as Councillors during the year. Councillor Candy resigned in November 2016 which caused a vacancy which has yet to be filled.

Mrs Candy, though having resigned as a Parish Councillor, continues to look after the Parish Council's website and was instrumental in successfully negotiating the subject of the Clerk's pension with The Pensions Regulator.

Accounts

The unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 are attached to this report. They show that the Parish Council received £200.62 more than it spent. The year-end balance is £9,403.38.

Planning Applications

Ten planning applications were considered by the Parish Council over the last year including that for the erection of four dwellings at Tancred House.

Parish Council Land

Registration of Parish Land

The Parish Council is still endeavouring to register the ownership of its land with the Land Registry. Statements of Truth are being obtained and a solicitor has been engaged to help with the registration.

Willow Garth

It is hoped that the Askham Bryan Agricultural College will consider Willow Garth to be a useful project for their students. During the year, Councillor Barratt has carried out work on the land.

Pond Area

Councillor Barratt has strimmed the grass in the pond area on a regular basis.

Notice Board

In May, when the Clerk was about to put a notice on the notice board, the right-hand door fell off. Fortunately, the glass didn't break. The Councillors did consider the possibility of buying a new notice board but agreed to have the existing one mended. This was done by Ken Falkingham

Allotments

There are two vacant allotments available to residents.

Christmas Tree Decorations

The Parish Council bought two sets of festoon light for the Christmas tree in the children's play area.

Road Calming Measures

The City Council has been asked to carry out several road calming measures including the signing of Roecliffe Court, the installation of cattle crossing” signs in New Road and the painting of crocodile teeth by the 30mph signs on the roads.

The City Council has repainted the 30mph signs on the roads and the white lines at the junction of New Road with Main Street.

The City Council has been asked to install a barrier on the pavement in front of the gate of the children’s play area to stop children from running onto the road.

Proposed Asphalt Plant in the Hessay Industrial Estate

This planning application has fired the residents with outrage and enthusiasm and a Parish Council-sponsored working group has been set up to employ consultants to draw up objections to the proposal.

Bus Service

The Parish Council has tried to persuade the bus companies to provide a more regular bus service to and from the village but without success. Residents have been asked to contact City Councillor Ian Gillies should they wish to see a more regular bus service.

Communications

Website

Councillor Candy has continued to look after the Parish Council’s website which can be found at www.hessay.org.

The website includes details about the Parish Councillors and many of the Parish Council’s activities. There are several items that the Transparency Code requires to be displayed yet to be put on the website.

Newsletters

The Parish Council now holds the email addresses of many residents. Parish Council Newsletters and agendas for meetings are emailed to residents regularly. More residents have supplied their email addresses and are receiving emails from the Parish Council.

Broadband

There is now a strong possibility that high speed Internet will be installed in the village within the next year.

Cycle path along the A59

This is an ongoing project which Councillor Watson is leading.

Defibrillator

The Parish Councillors have agreed to the installation of a defibrillator in the village at a site yet to be determined. The City Council’s Rural West York Ward Committee has agreed to provide £1,500 towards the purchase of the defibrillator.

James Mackman

Clerk to the Parish Council

10 May 2017