

## **Report of the Hessay Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018 to the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 9 May 2018.**

### **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: -

2017 – 4 April, 11 April, 10 May, 28 June, 13 September and 8 November. 2018 - 10 January and 9 March.

### **Parish Councillors**

Councillor Barratt was re-elected Chairman at the Parish Council meeting in May 2017.

Roger Hildreth, Mike Lord and Ann Watson served as Councillors during the year. Olivia Johnson was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the meeting last September.

### **Accounts**

The unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 are attached to this report. They show that the Parish Council received £39.97 more than it spent. The year-end balance is £9,443.35.

### **Planning Applications**

Two planning applications were considered during the year.

1. The erection of 2no. detached dwellings (resubmission) at **Tancred House**, Main Street which the City Council refused

### **2. Asphalt Plant**

The application which has taken up most time of the Parish Council is for the “Erection of asphalt plant with associated infrastructure at land adjacent sewage works at Hessay Industrial Estate”. The Working Group set up last year to take the opposition to the application forward commissioned consultants on our behalf. Pledges were asked of the residents and 53 residents donated the sum of £7,090 towards the fees. The Parish Council has met the balance of the costs to date.

### **Parish Council Land**

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

The Parish Council is still endeavouring to register the ownership of its land with the Land Registry. The latest news on the subject is that the Land Registry informed our solicitor that they required more information to that submitted. Councillor Hildreth and the Clerk subsequently went through old Parish Council papers back to the 1930s and found and copied several documents which have been sent to our solicitor.

#### **Willow Garth**

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

#### **Pond Area**

Councillor Barratt and Stuart Cariss have been attending the area around the pond.

#### **Allotments**

All but one allotment is now let. If you would like to take up the last allotment, please contact Nick Booth. We hope to support a Community Garden Scheme within the allotments and have looked to City of York council for funding.

## **Road Calming Measures**

The Parish Council is still looking to the City Council to take action on a number of the points mentioned in last year's report.

However, we can report that the Roecliffe Court sign and Cattle Crossing sign in New Road were installed by the City Council.

## **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.

The Parish Council is looking at the possibility of having its own dedicated website. The Government introduced the Transparency Code which means that all small Parish Councils have a legal obligation to display certain information on its website. To enable Parish Councils to conform to the legislation grants were made available. The cut-off date was 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, so Hessay Parish Council asked for a grant before the cut-off date and received £598. The Councillors have now to decide what to do about a website.

### *GDPR*

You may have heard of the GDPR regulations which come into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Council will make sure that it conforms to the new regulations. In order to do this, it will be necessary to ask all those who have given their email address as a means of receiving Parish Council generated information such as agendas and Newsletters if they wish to continue to do so. Without a positive reply an individual will have their contact details erased from the system and will not be able to receive any information thereafter.

### *Broadband*

Fibre to the cabinet Broadband has now been delivered to the village.

## **Defibrillator**

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

## **Cycle path along the A59**

This is an ongoing project which Councillor Watson is leading.

## **Post Script**

The damaged bus shelter on A59 has been removed and not replaced.

The BT phone box in Main Street which, at one time, the Parish Council had thought about buying has been removed.

James Mackman

Clerk to the Parish Council

9 May 2018