



Woodditton Parish Council Newsletter Number 17

Year ending 31st March 2015



Chairman's Report

We started the year with a new MP, Lucy Frazer and two new councillors to represent us on the ECDC at Ely; Peter Cresswell and Mathew Shuter for the urban part of the parish. The district councillor for the rural area is still Chris Morris. New councillors on the Parish are Jennifer Liddle and Dudley White in the rural part and James Longwill for the urban. We lose Steve Cleary.

The bus shelter on School Road has been replaced after it was blown over in the storm last year and a new notice board has been installed in Ditton Green. The council put in a bid to get speed limits changed in Woodditton so that the whole of the village was 30 miles per hour. We were not successful but we will try again this year.

The firework display and barbecue were a great success and a thank you must go to Chris Winch and his team and Mrs Powney-Jones for letting her chicken field be used for the event.

The Kings Drive play area safety tiles on the climbing frame and see-saw have been replaced with a new soft surface. The swings and others surfaces will be replaced later this year.

The planning debate still carries on about the houses and parking on St Johns Avenue, after being turned down by the planning department at Ely. It is felt that there is a need for social housing in the area.

The parish council web site continues to grow, www.woodditton.org.uk thanks to our councilor Terry Webb who is our webmaster. The site is due to grow larger as more and more of the Parish council's business has to go on it.

The Council had Quality Status until last year when it ran out. We will be trying to regain this under its new title of Foundation Award Status. This helps us when we apply for grants etc.

Many thanks to the other Parish Council members for their support during the past year.

Cliff Pettitt Chairman, Woodditton Parish Council

Chairman:

Cliff Pettitt
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Parish Clerk:

John Theobald
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Vice-Chairman:

Robin Sharp
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The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm 11 months of the year missing December. We meet at the Methodist Church Hall in Saxon Street or Ditton Lodge school in Newmarket.

The Sharp Report—May 2015

Another year has slipped by and following the recent elections, Cliff Pettitt was re-elected as chairman and me, for my sins, as vice chairman.

The Three Blackbirds pub in Ditton Green This is now under the new ownership of Guy & Georgie Taylor, who live in Woodditton and who together with their management and staff team are ensuring this much loved venue continues to offer great food, beer and company.

November 5th The November Firework party was once again a success. This year, at a bargain price, we procured a fabulous new gas barbecue to replace one of the old ones.

Community Pay Back Scheme This is the re-named community service scheme. The parish council in conjunction with the probation service has arranged for supervised individuals to undertake maintenance, at no cost to us, on two of our play areas. Subject to satisfactory results, this arrangement can be repeated on further parish council assets.

Road Safety

Following the installation of “Gateway’s” on the approaches to Saxon Street last year, the parish council bid this year for a rationalisation of the 30mph speed limits around Woodditton. This would have included 30mph speed limits around the whole triangle: Vicarage Lane, Maypole Lane and between Ditton Green and Little Ditton. Despite police and county/district councillor support, the scheme was not ranked highly enough to get funding this year. We will try again this year to get it changed.

Street Lighting Renewal

The County Council will shortly be replacing most of the street lights in our parish. Although they plan to broadly replace like with like, the new units will be more efficient, provide a different kind of light and will dim over night. Lamp column positions may change and there may be less of them. Detailed proposals are awaited, but we want to be involved in final decision making on appearance and locations. We must also consider the condition of our own parish council units, which will not be included in the scheme.

Robin Sharp Vice Chairman, Woodditton Parish Council



WOODDITTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

2014/15 YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

INCOME

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| East Cambs DC Precept | 14500.00 |
| Insurance Receipt | 2623.00 |
| VAT Refund | 2368.99 |
| Other Misc Receipts | 871.16 |

TOTAL 20363.15

EXPENSES

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Play areas & Sportsfield | 3302.39 |
| Main Insurance | 912.00 |
| Streetlights (elect & mtce) | 325.24 |
| CAPALC Sub | 610.37 |
| Clerk's salary | 1874.00 |
| New capital items | 3693.55 |
| General Admin | 1872.54 |
| Grants & Sect137 | 1900.00 |
| <u>Vat paid</u> | <u>1010.54</u> |

15500.63

Net Surplus 4862.52

Reserves b/f £10904.37

Plus current surplus 4862.52 * * Lloyds 15725.23

c/f Reserves 15766.89* * Nationwide 41.66 15766.89

ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES

All statutory allowances waived by all Councillors Signed...J B Theobald (Responsible Officer) Date 21/4/15

DETAILS OF MAIN EXPENDITURE

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| 17/4/2015 | CAPALC | £610.37 | annual sub to association – technical, legal and training support |
| 17/4/15 | Ivan Daines | £125.00 | grass cutting in 2014 season |
| 15/5/14 | SP Landscapes | £150.00 | grass cutting at Jubilee Field |
| 15/5/14 | AON Insurance | £912.00 | insurance premium |
| 9/8/14 | H Stebbing | £658.80 | new notice board in Ditton Green |
| 9/8/14 | CGM Landscapes | £150.00 | grass cutting |
| 21/8/14 | Cambs CC | £232.06 | fence system entrance to Saxon Street |
| 21/8/14 | Allianz Engineering | £530.87 | play areas safety checks |
| 18/9/14 | Softwood Imports Ltd | £3297.60 | new bus shelter at School Road |
| 18/9/14 | PKF Littlejohn | £240.00 | audit fees |
| 16/10/14 | Fireworks | £500.00 | contribution to firework event |
| 16/10/14 | Homebase | £117.48 | new barbecue unit |
| 19/3/15 | Newmarket Day Centre | £200.00 | annual grant |
| ditto | Suffolk Air Rescue | £200.00 | ditto |
| ditto | Dial- a Ride | £200.00 | ditto |
| ditto | St Nicholas Hospice | £200.00 | ditto |
| ditto | Ellesmere Centre | £750.00 | ditto |

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