

Stamford Bridge Parish Council

Annual Report 2012/13

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Stamford Bridge Parish Council Annual Report. The report outlines the activities of the Parish Council during the year. If you wish to comment on this report, you can do so either by emailing The Clerk Dave King at clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk or by letter to The Clerk to The Stamford Bridge Parish Council, Old Station House, 24 Church Road, Stamford Bridge, YO41 1DG

2. Parish Council Members 2012/13:

Paul Butterfield (Chairman)	01759 371141	David Ingham	
Richard Dykes	01759 373656	Nick Gaunt	
Barbara Tate	01759 371393	Darren Flynn	01759 372759
Anne Lyus	01759 371078	Richard Clarke	01759 372270
Chris Kealey	07983 755703		

Councillors David Ingham and Nick Gaunt have now resigned from the Parish Council and therefore their contact phone numbers have not been listed. Since the year end Councillors Ian McEnaney(01759 372134) and Rick Bragg(01759 373514) have joined the Parish Council.

The Clerk to the Council is Dave King 01759 372341 or mobile 07949 596986, email clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk and the PC office is located above the Station Club.

The Parish Council (PC) meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards and minutes of meetings can be found on the PC web <http://www.stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk> Residents are welcome to attend PC meetings and may speak to the Council during 'Public Participation'. Councillors are available to meet residents privately to discuss matters of a confidential nature. All Parish Councillors have signed the Code of Conduct declaration with regard to their personal and pecuniary interests in the village and these details are available on the PC web site.

3. Finance

The PC is responsible for setting the Parish Council Tax (precept) and to ensure that all financial transactions are managed to the highest possible standards. The accounts of the PC are subject to Internal and External audits. At the date of this report going to print, the accounts have been approved by the Internal Auditor.

Summary of Receipts and Payments year ending 31st March 2013:

<u>Receipts</u>	£	<u>Payments</u>	£
Balance b/f	31,239	Employment	20,991
Precepts	47,000	Office costs	3,282
Misc receipts	636	Professional fees	1662
VAT Refund	2013	Training & Travel	661
		Loan Repayment	4,857
		Street lights	355
		Square Christmas	3,038
		Annual Donation	1,222
		Parish Paths	553
		Misc costs	3,521
		Winter gritting	1,839
		Precept projects	9,712
		VAT	3,525
		Balance c/f	25,670
Total	80,888	Total	80,888

Notes re accounts

1. The balance b/f and c/f includes cash in the skate pad account; this amounted to £2,071 at the 31st March 2013.
2. The majority of precept project expenditure relates to the cost of the Parish Council moving its office back to the original Parish Council office above the Station Club. The room was re-furnished and re-roofed.
3. £2,000 of misc. expenditure was for the provision of hired play equipment for children of the village. This was paid out of the skate pad account.
4. The PC meets the recommended criteria for the minimum level of cash to be held in its reserves. Residents are entitled to inspect the books of account at any time during the year by making an appointment with the Clerk to the Council.

4. Planning

During the year a number of planning applications were considered by the PC and recommendations passed to ERYC. The majority of the planning applications before the PC related to extensions of existing properties. It should be noted that the final decision on all planning applications rests with the ERYC Planning Committee, and all planning applications can be viewed on the ERYC web site. Residents are welcome to speak at PC meetings on planning applications that affect them.

The ERYC Local Plan looks at the needs of the authority during the period 2013-2029. ERYC Planning Department have predicted that the population of the East Riding will grow by 50,000 over the plan period and that to meet the housing needs of this growth in population, 23,000 new homes will be required. The proposal from ERYC Planning Department is to spread the housing needs across the East Riding and in this respect it is envisaged that Stamford Bridge will see 175 new homes built. It should be stressed that the ERYC Local Plan is still at the draft stage and the plan has a number of stages to go through before it is ratified by ERYC.

5. Community Engagement

The PC again provided the Christmas Lights for the village centre, the 'switch on' event in the Square was a great success and very well attended. The Over 60's party in the Village Hall was a great success with all tickets being taken up. The PC is grateful to Parish Councillors Lyus and Tate for organising the refreshments.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the PC presented awards to a number of young people for their work in enhancing life in the village.

During the year the PC made grants to Village in Bloom, the Community Swimming Pool and the Parochial Church Council (graveyard maintenance).

As stated above, residents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Council and to ask questions during 'public participation'

6. Training & Development

The PC is committed to developing its skills and knowledge and during the year a number of training courses were attended by Parish Councillors and its Clerk. A national review of the Quality Council status is currently being undertaken and when completed the PC will make a decision on whether to pursue Quality status or not.

7. Liaison

Regular contact is maintained with Humberside Police and with ERYC Ward Councillors and representatives of both organisations regularly attend PC meetings. The PC is a member of the Local Council Association (ERNLLCA) and participates at area meetings on a regular basis and provides the Chair for the West Area committee. PC representatives regularly attend Police liaison meetings held in the area and the PC frequently participates in the ERYC Community Partnership meetings.

8. Other Matters

Working in partnership with two nearby Parish Councils, a local farmer was employed to clear snow and treat with grit/salt a number of busy roads that do not form part of the routes treated by ERYC. This service was very well received by residents with many compliments received by the PC. It is hoped to provide this service again, if needed, during the coming winter months.

During the year, the footpaths on High Catton Road were re-surfaced and the road surface replaced after the year end. Residents will be aware that surface rain water remains on part of High Catton Road following heavy rain. This is due to a blocked drain between Low Catton Road and Heather Bank; the PC is working with ERYC to resolve this problem.

This year also saw the launch of the new Stamford Bridge Parish Council website (<http://www.stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk>), which aims to keep you informed and updated on Stamford Bridge's events, news, community groups, parish council matters and services and village information. Don't forget to look through the website and send us articles, links, photos, events and information that you would like to see included in the website.

9. Feedback

Please let us know what you think about this report. Have we missed anything? What should we add or remove from future reports? You can send your feedback to The Clerk by email at clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk or by letter to The Clerk to the Parish Council, Old Station House, 24 Church Road, Stamford Bridge, YO41 1DG

10. Chairman's Statement

It has been another busy year with many challenges. My thanks go to members of the Parish Council for their hard work and involvement in many different tasks. Thanks also to our two retiring members David Ingham and Nick Gaunt for all their involvement over the years and their commitment to the Parish Council. We have undertaken many projects some of which are in this report and we will continue to serve the community as best we can. Our winter gritting policy which has been welcomed by residents will continue this winter.

Please remember that there is a 'public participation' opportunity at monthly Parish Council meetings where you can address the Council on any village issues.

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