

## Stamford Bridge Parish Council

### Annual Report 2013/14

#### 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](mailto: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:

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The Parish Council (PC) meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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'. Please check the venue of the meetings as this varies from month to month.

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.

#### 3. Finance

The PC is responsible for setting the Parish Council Tax (precept) and to ensure that all receipts and payments 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014:

<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	£	<b><u>Payments</u></b>	£
Balance b/f	25,670	Employment	21,597
Precepts	50,000	Office costs	2,258
Misc receipts	504	Professional fees	2,334
VAT Refund	3,525	Training & Travel	528
ERYC Council Tax Support	2,434	Loan Repayment	3,803
		Street lights	320
		Square Christmas	1,577
		Annual Donation	2,423
		Parish Paths	534
		Misc costs	3,190
		Winter gritting	540
		Precept projects	4,858
		VAT	1,934
		Balance c/f	36,237
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,133</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>82,133</b>

Notes re accounts:

1. The large increase in the year end c/f was due to (a) the PC not

having to spend cash on winter gritting due to the very mild winter and (b) the proposed shallows lighting scheme been delayed until 2014/15.

2. Precept project expenditure related to the provision of a street light on the Sustrans Path near Heather Bank, a new store facility for PC equipment and a litter bin
3. During the year the grants were made to Village in Bloom, Village Hall, The Scouts and Guides and the Parochial Church Council (graveyard maintenance).
4. 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

The following is a summary of the Parish Council response to the outline planning application received in respect of the proposed A166 development, the detailed response can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

After a lengthy and detailed discussion, the Parish Council concluded that whilst ideally it would prefer not to see more large scale housing developments in the village, realistically the outline planning proposals before the Parish Council or a similar scale development was likely to take place in the future. The Parish Council has however two major areas of concern for a development of this size (1) traffic and (2) sewage.

With regard to the outline plans submitted to the Parish Council for consideration, the Parish Council made the following specific observations:

- 4.1 The 30mph speed limit should cover both A166 entrances.
- 4.2 Maximum screening by trees etc should be provided to the three 'barn' conversions in the centre of the development and to any properties on the Burton Fields estate that face into the proposed development.
- 4.3 To minimise the impact on existing properties, in particular the 'barn' properties, the building of bungalows close to these properties would reduce to some extent the impact of the development.
- 4.4 The development should include the provision of a children's play area.
- 4.5 The road design should accommodate a route suitable for the existing bus service, to and from York, to service the estate.
- 4.6 To encourage pedestrians, existing public rights of way should be integrated into the plans

#### 5. Community Engagement

The PC again provided the Christmas Lights for the village centre and the 'switch on' event in the Square was well attended. The Over 60's party in the Village Hall was a great success with all tickets taken up. The PC is grateful to former Parish Councillor Tate for organising the refreshments and to the volunteers from the community, who helped to prepare and serve 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.

The Council was delighted to see the turnout of residents supporting the Plus Net Marathon on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The Council has organised a meeting with the marathon organisers and ERYC to ensure that when the event is run again this year issues involving parking and signage are adequately addressed.

#### 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 and it is hoped to continue this during the New Year.

#### 7. Liaison

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

#### 8. Dog Fouling

In response to the ongoing issue of dog fouling of the highways and public footpaths, the Council has obtained three additional bins which can be used for disposing of dog waste and two existing bins have been sited in more prominent positions to encourage their use by dog owners.

#### 9. Feedback

Please let us know what you think to the report. Have we missed anything? You can send your feedback to The Clerk by email at [clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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

I am pleased to say that in my final year as Chairman your Parish Council has continued its good work in many areas of the village as shown in the enclosed report. The Parish Council has actively developed long term plans such as dealing with winter weather including gritting and the installation of grit bins and new litter bins. We have also supported several organisations throughout the village with grants to help with their specific projects. Sadly Anne Lyus, a long serving member of the Parish Council, unfortunately passed away in February and another long serving member Barbara Tate resigned for family reasons. Your Parish Council is always open to suggestion in ways that we can help to benefit the village and the contact details are shown in this report.

Paul Butterfield

