

Stamford Bridge Parish Council

Annual Report 2018/19

Welcome to the Stamford Bridge Parish Council annual report. The report outlines the activities of the Parish Council (PC) during the year. If you wish to comment on this report, you can either e-mail the clerk Dave King at clerk@stamfordbridgepc.gov.uk, or write to The Clerk at Stamford Bridge PC, Old Station House, 24 Church Road, Stamford Bridge, York, YO41 1DJ.

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Residents are welcome to attend monthly 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.

Parish Councillor

We have a new Parish Councillor in Trevor Pope, who has replaced Ian McEnaney. No election was required for the Parish Council this year, and so the previous Councillors remain in post. The Ward Councillors for Pocklington Provincial are now Kay West, Paul West and David Sykes.

Finance

The PC is responsible for setting the Parish Council Tax (Precept) and to ensure that all recipients of payments are managed to the highest possible standards. The accounts of the PC are subject to internal and external audits. At the time of this report going to print, the accounts have been approved for this last financial year by the internal auditor. The proposed budget for 2019/20 will be the precept the same as 2018/19 but with an increased spend of up to £60,000 to support local groups and new field development.

Summary of Receipts and Payments year ending 31st March 2019

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance b/f	£70,636.34	Employment	£18,281.16
Precepts	£55,000.00	Office costs	£3,454.85
Misc. receipts	£130.00	Professional fees	£2,986.84
VAT Refund	£1,221.93	Training & Travel	£636.80
PWLB (Car Park) Loan	£24,975.00	Loan Repayment	£1,566.62
Hague and Dixon (refund)	£65.10	Street lights	£376.06
Tea Party	£257.00	Square Christmas	£2,590.43
		Annual Donations	£7,605.98
		Parish Paths	£555.00
		Events & Room Hire	£999.10
		Precept projects	£5,095.86
		Equipment Maintenance	£1,336.95
		Purchase of Dresser Trust land	£46,500.00
		VAT	£1,339.52
		Balance c/f	£58,960.20
Total	£152,285.37	Total	£152,285.37

Planning Update

Gleeson Developments have applied for outline planning permission for 96 dwellings on land south of the A166, behind the David Wilson Homes. The Parish Council have strongly objected to this development. Also, the Parish Council and many residents have objected strongly to the planned new “category C” prison at Full Sutton. The PC have particularly objected to the prison with regard to size and accessibility.

Projects around the village

The Parish Council has purchased land behind the Viking Road public car park, which was offered for sale by the Dresser Trust. This land will be used as an overspill car park and for village events. The area will be tidied up and new double metal gates installed.

The councillors collected over 600 signatures as part of the possibility of changing the Parish boundary. This would bring the Avant housing estate into Stamford Bridge. It could also extend the boundary towards Low Catton – this is still ongoing.

Grant

The Parish Council regularly gives grants to local groups. A £600.00 grant was given to the Stamford Bridge in Bloom group for the annual cost of spring and autumn planting and hanging baskets around the village. £300.00 was given to the Heritage Society and £100.00 to John Brown for the distribution of leaflets to stop scams. £500.00 was given to support the summer fair and £400.00 for Remembrance Day celebrations. We also support The Link with a monthly Parish Council advert. £60.00 was granted to replace defibrillator pads and the PC have taken over financial responsibility for these with Jenny Harris as guardian.

The Parish Council also helped the Swimming Pool with a grant of £2,500, this being 50% of the cost of a new Chemical Controller plus £3000 p.a. towards extra maintenance costs. The PC has also agreed to pay the five hours per week cost of the pool cleaner’s wages.

The Support of £2,000.00 towards the evening bus service, along with Rosti is also continuing. The emergency plan has been updated.

Community Engagement

The Parish Council supports events in the village throughout the year. The Remembrance Day was particularly special this year, it being the 100th year commemoration the end of the 1st World War. Silhouettes were placed around Stamford Bridge, to commemorate the lives lost and poppies were knitted and placed around the village. There were also celebratory events in the Village Hall on the Saturday night and a street party on Sunday morning, plus a special service at the church.

The Christmas Square closure was organised by the Parish Council and there were stalls and carols in The Square. There was the lights switch on and a visit from Father Christmas.

In February the popular free over 60's Party took place with over 90 people attending. Food was provided by Kirsty from the sports club and there was music from Nigel Heap.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May, a large number of clubs and societies presented reports on their activities over the last year. The meeting was attended by Debbie Fagan, the PCC's Engagement Officer for the East Riding and Steve Mercer, of the Battle of Stamford Bridge Heritage Society. Both of those representatives gave engaging talks at the event. The PC presented Community Awards. This year, they were presented to Dave Stephenson, Brian Lawson and Gordon Peel for their services to the village over many years.

Chairman's Statement

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our two outgoing Ward Councillors (Messrs Mole and Strangeway), Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their efforts and commitment to the PC during the year. It has been a challenging year with the potential new prison and new housing developments. And we have maintained our usual high standard of professionalism and procedure when dealing with difficult issues