

CLAWSON HOSE and HARBY PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

The Parish Council has continued to be involved with the production of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the three villages. The work in producing the plan was carried out under the leadership of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) with the assistance of volunteers from all three villages via working groups. The Parish Council and NPAC were advised by Yourlocalem funded by grants from outside bodies and a £3000 contribution from the Parish Council. The NP was agreed by referendum on the 15th February 2018.

There have been several major planning applications in each of the villages which had to be determined without the guidance of the NP or a Melton Local Plan. The NP will now be a great help to the PC in its observations to Melton Borough Council on future applications.

The Parish Council is grateful for the help it receives from its volunteers. The Tree Wardens – Mr H Forbes in Long Clawson and Mr A Semper in Harby and Mr P Goodman, a volunteer planning advisor. Also several volunteers who keep the planters at bus shelters and village signs looking lovely. The Parish Council was sad that ill health has caused Mrs J Allsop, the volunteer Heritage Warden, to retire. Mr Forbes is acting as Heritage Warden temporarily until a replacement volunteer comes forward

The Parish Council continues to be in contact with Harby Village Hall Committee as it considers the future governance of the Village Hall in its current position or on a new site.

A great deal of tree maintenance work has been identified in Long Clawson cemetery in addition to necessary work at a variety of sites in Harby and Hose and should be undertaken later this year.

The Parish Council continues to act as agent on behalf of Leicestershire County Council and Melton Borough Council for the maintenance of the grounds at MBC housing and grass verges and public footpaths.

A Community Speedwatch survey by volunteers took place in Harby and follow up actions from the results are under consideration.

The new Data Protection Laws, which are currently passing through Parliament, will cause a great deal of work and expense for the PC in complying with its requirements

Finally, I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council, the elected members and the Parish Council volunteers for their continued efforts throughout the year.

The PC accounts for the year ending 31.3.18 have not yet been finalised but the accounts to the end of February 2018 are attached and show approximately £60,000 carried forward to the next financial year

Phillip Tillyard
Chairman of the Parish Council

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AS AT 28th February 2018

RECEIPTS

£

Precept	52824.61
VAT Repayments	3465.22
Allotments	1225.10
Cemetery fees	428.00
MBC Grass-cutting	4775.62
Grants & Donations	4850.00
Wayleaves	947.57
Interest	26.66
Others	1135.84
Total Receipts	69678.62

PAYMENTS

Establishment	20174.53
Grounds Maintenance & Hedges	16118.60
General Maint./Minor Works	2344.39
Street lighting - energy/maint.	9894.69
Minor grants & donations	1754.00
Major Works	2496.48
Grants Churchyard maintenance	0.00
Grants to Village Halls	0.00
Contingency	5697.48
Section 137 Payments	0.00
Payments GNS grant	0.00
VAT Payments	3966.21
Total Payments	62446.38

Excess of receipts over payments **7232.24**

Bank balances

	31st March 2017	28th February 2018
Bank balance - current a/c	18818.36	23729.49
Bank balance - deposit a/c	51900.16	54751.43
Less unrepresented cheques	515.00	1045.16
	70203.52	77435.76

Balance @ 31/03/prev.yr	70203.52
Excess of receipts over payments	7232.24
Balance @ current month	77435.76
Less reserved funds	5583.61
Total available at current month	71852.15

Reserved funds are made up of:

Hose VH grant money 07/109	2006
Remainder GNS funds Minute 15/15fvi	407.24
Reserved Harby playground equipment	3170.37
Total	£ 5,583.61