

WRENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL CHARIMAN'S REPORT

year ending 31st March 2020 - Ian Watson

Wrentham is a parish of around 1,000 people and 500 dwellings and has a precept of £15,020 (2019-2020)

Community Support during the year included the following:

- **Covid - 19** - Councillor Keith Perry has led the co-ordination of around 34 volunteers to support the local community during the crisis.
- **Traffic and speeding**. We have implemented three of the recommendations following our meeting with Highways in February 2019, the purchase of a Speed indicator Device (SID), traffic surveys and installed new village entry signs. Councillor Mark Buxton continues to reposition the VAS every few weeks and has invested in getting the new SID up and running.
- **Flooding A12 and Church corner** - After many years of campaigning by local resident Trevor Robinson and supported by the PC, faulty drainage pipes under the A12 are now being fixed. Major ditch clearing work done by contractor Councillor Trevor Oram has resolved the flooding at Church Corner.
- **Parish Council Web site** <http://wrenthampc.org.uk> - Councillor Kevin Cross has invested in keeping our website updated and has expanded the useful content during the year.
- **Additional time donated** - Including but not limited to - Kevin maintaining the Pound, Trevor and the play area, Simon and Trevor maintenance on the bus shelters, Roger erecting the Christmas Tree. All involved with the litter pick and leaflet drops.

Finance

- **Day to day spending** (excluding VAT refunds, CIL and "capital spending" detailed below) - In 2019-2020 we had receipts of £15,579 and payments of £15,107. This includes £7,459 donated to support the Village hall.
- **CIL and Section 106 money** - During the year we paid out £2,629 on a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and £2,000 on Village Hall heating. Leaving £10,551 in the ring fenced CIL/S106 fund.
- **VAT refunds** amounted to £3,658 of which £1,698 related to Village Hall expenditure.
- **Capital spending** - We invested £2,329 on a traffic survey and preliminary work on Village Hall signs. A balancing payment for the Village entry signs was made under Tony Goldsons Council Budget.
- **2020 internal audit and published accounts** - Rosie Carter a local accountant provided an efficient service for us with no issues noted for 2020.
- **Village Hall** - The Parish Council have oversight and responsibility for the Village Hall. Total support in 2020 amounted to **£11,157**. I would like to thank Maureen Reeves for her continued support as treasurer.

Councillors and Elections

- We have 13 seats and as at 1st June 2020 and One vacancy. Our objective is to have a full council and welcome any local person interesting in serving for their local community. Please contact the Parish Clerk, details are on our web site.

- May 2019 Parish Council elections were uncontested as less than 13 people applied. Of the people who previously served, 10 were appointed uncontested and 1 was subsequently co-opted.
- Simon Forder, a new member of the team, was Co-opted onto the July 2019 on 15

Conclusion and thanks

The work of the Parish Council is a team effort. I would like to thank all our councillors for undertaking their voluntary role in putting something back into the community, our Vice Chair Lucinda Hutson for her support and to our Parish Clerk Frances Bullard for her professional support during the year. I would also like to recognise the regular attendance and support from our county councillor Tom Goldson.

Dated: 15 June 2020