

Cawthorne Parish Council
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Annual Report 2005 - 2006

A Message from the Chairman

At the Annual Meeting of Cawthorne Parish Council held in May 2005 I was away on holiday. What a surprise on my return to find I had been elected Chairman for the coming year! That will teach me to take my holiday at the AGM! Seriously though, I officially took over from Councillor Lees in June 2005 and would publicly wish to thank John for all his hard work as Chairman over the previous two years.



Councillor Peter Kilner
Chairman 2005 - 2006

We have once again had a busy year in Cawthorne dealing with a variety of issues. The main ones are as follows:

PUBLIC TOILET site at the top of Cliff Hill. A final decision to demolish and not replace was taken. The site to be levelled and possibly landscaped.

YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM. My thanks to Councillors Asquith, Broadhead, Hindley and Claxton for all their hard work in continuing to improve our lovely village. The shield that we won last year for the "Most Improved Village" is now on display in the Museum. Let us hope for even more success in 2006/7.

BUS SHELTERS Some have had minor repairs and the one on the village green has been re-roofed to make it safe and sound.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE BENCHES These will be renovated, hopefully, in the near future.

VILLAGE HALL With the introduction of the new licensing laws Licensing Act 2003, the Parish Council decided that the Village Hall should operate 12 full licensing events per annum, as opposed to a full 12 months license. This is now under review due to changes in the licensing law legislation.

The new rear access road will, hopefully, be starting very shortly as the Council has now come to full agreement with the various parties. There will be no cost to the Council in its construction. Also, a small area of land at the rear will be sold, again there will be no legal costs to the Council.

'What a wonderful weekend we all had on Trafalgar Day'

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS IN THE CEMETERY We have now received a favourable quotation and work will, hopefully, start later this year after the bird nesting season! There is a lot to do in our cemetery and these works could take 2 to 3 years, but I am sure it will be worth it. The new Cremation plot is a great improvement. Thanks to Mr Bob Gardam.

CRICKET PAVILLION Congratulations to the Recreation Ground Trustees and to Cawthorne Cricket Club for all their excellent work on the new pavillion. It really is looking very good indeed.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT This is now nearing completion and the first couples are moving in. It was the Parish Council's idea some 12-14 years

ago to build this development, but BMBC stalled us at several junctions. However, at last we have got there, although personally speaking, I believe there are too many properties on this particular site, they are too small and they are far too expensive. I only wish the Parish Council could have been more involved in the design and layout of this project still I suppose it's better to have some rather none!

Finally, on a more upbeat note, what a wonderful weekend we all had on Trafalgar Day the 200th anniversary. The bonfire and fireworks, coffee morning and finally the special service in church was enjoyed by most of our villagers, and £690 was raised in donations. The £500 donated by the Parish Council to defer costs, enabled us to donate £190 to the two benefiting charities R. A. B. I. and Seafarers U.K.

Your Parish Council is pleased to have been able to support various village organisations through limited grant aid. The recipients over the past 12 months were:

Cawthorne Village Hall
Baby & Toddler Group
Summer Fete Group
Royal British Legion
Cawthorne Churches Festive Season Diary of Events and finally, the grant to Cawthorne Cricket Club, to be carried forward from last year to this. Lastly, my thanks to all my fellow Parish Councillors for their commitment and hard work at Council and other meetings throughout the year. To Mr Frank Johnston, our learned Clerk and Financial Officer, and to Mr Frank Matthewman our Internal Auditor.

As stated at the beginning of my report, it has again been a very busy year on the Council, but I am sure I speak for all my fellow Councillors, that it is a pleasure to serve the parishioners of our lovely village.

Meetings of the various committees will continue to be held 'as and when' required, with the exception of the Budget and Finance Committee which will hold its scheduled budget recommendation meeting in December. All meetings will be advertised as usual, and will be open to members of the public

Mr Frank Johnston, Clerk

No change in Council Leadership structure

AT the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th May 2006,

Councillor Peter Kilner was re-elected as Chairman, whilst Councillor Cynthia Hindley was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Members were appointed to the various Council committees, and Mr. P. Buckley & Mr. L. Herbert were co-opted to the Footpaths and Environment Committee.

Cawthorne Parish Council through the year

Financial Report

Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2005

The latest set of audited accounts is for the year ending 31st March 2005

As detailed in last year's Annual Report, finances for the year 2004 2005 were as follows: balances at the 31st March 2004 were £18,531, total income during the year was £16,502, total expenditure was £18,940, giving a balance at the 31st March 2005 of £16,093, all figures rounded up or down to the nearest pound as appropriate. These accounts were audited in mid 2005, and received a clear audit report. In accordance with legislation the audit report was displayed on the Parish Council notice board for 14 days after receipt of it.

In respect of finances for the year 2005 2006, balances at 31st March 2005 were £16,093, total income during the year was £18,945, consisting of precept, cemetery fees and donations, total expenditure was £18,378, giving a year end balance of £16,660, again all figures rounded up or down as necessary. These accounts will be audited in July 2006. Again public notices will be displayed in due course as to the actual audit period dates, and the final audit report will be displayed after completion of the audit.

Mr Frank Matthewman continues, on a voluntary basis, to act as Internal Auditor for the Council, and I wish to publicly record my thanks for him continuing to carry out this onerous task.



Frank Johnston
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Committee Reports

School Governor's Report 2005

Councillor Ian Claxton will be standing down as a Governor of the Cawthorne village school at the end of August 2006, after a period of twelve years. During that period Ian has been the Parish Council representative on the Governing Body. Here Ian gives a report of school activities over the past year.

"The school continues to do well and the staff and pupils have settled into the new extension. The new computer suite is well used and the school has received two awards recently for excellent teaching which puts the school in the top 100 in the country. Both staff and children have done so well that the school is now being used to show other schools in the Local Education Authority how subjects should

be taught. Six heads at a time will be visiting the school to see staff and children at work. SATs results continue to be amongst the best in the Barnsley area.

A Junior Impact Team has been set up in conjunction with Berneslai Homes. Two sets of 6 or 7 children have planted the stone troughs in front of the Mill Stones, and also carried out a litter pick prior to the judging for Yorkshire in Bloom. A total of 12 black bin bags of rubbish were collected. The children are also constructing nest boxes and bird feeders to be placed around the school.

A bit hit with the children is the recently built adventure playground.

Overall this has been a good year, and hopefully next year will be as good.

Cllr. Ian Claxton
School Governor.

Yorkshire in Bloom 2005

5th place in Summer judging and shield for most improved entry



The Yorkshire in Bloom committee, councillors Diana Asquith, Margaret Broadhead, Ian Claxton and Cynthia Hindley, organised this year's village entry. Councillor Asquith gives an account of what happened:

We entered Yorkshire in Bloom in the village section and everyone responded to the posters by providing immaculate gardens.

The Spring Judging placed us a disappointing 7th, and read as follows:

"Many of the private residents had got the In Bloom bug, the majority of houses having colourful displays spilling out into the streets, especially good in the St. Julien's estate. Posters advertised the competition well. The recycling centre was very good as well as the Orchard. However, the entry was let down by leaf litter and weeds in the footpath and road gullies. A review of the route is needed to

emphasize quality rather than quantity. Better communication is needed between BMBC and the In Bloom Group regarding street cleaning."

The Summer Judging was better, placing us 5th:

"A very neat and tidy garden entry with well planted attractive Mill Stones. The sustainable planting in the Peace Garden, which exhibited a Yorkshire in Bloom poster, is an attractive feature. The Spencer Arms provides a central focus and is extremely well planted and maintained. Residential gardens, spilling onto the roads are a credit. Although there is no garden competition, the Open Gardens event raises awareness and also funds for the Church. A very pleasant entry which is going from strength to strength."

We were presented with a Shield, for the Most Improved Entry, which now resides in the museum.



Cllr. Diana Asquith
Yorkshire in Bloom Committee