



**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS**

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2014/2015

Although it barely seems twelve months since I wrote the last annual report to you, I am very pleased to be bringing you summary of our past year at the start of a new term of office for the parish council. The election for our parish has been uncontested and we will be welcoming back seven of our existing councillors for a further four year term. We were very sad to hear Mary Kay and James Eaton would not be standing for re-election and we wish them both well for the future. It does mean we have two vacancies on the council and we would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to stand?

As ever, highways issues are at the forefront of the problems we encounter. One of the main issues we have dealt with this year has been the perceived problem of speeding at the crossroads and nearby areas. We were pleased to be able to report that we qualify for a potential 30mph zone and we will hopefully see some progress with this during 2015. We also achieved success in having a new lamp post installed at Nether Field and some new road signage for the residents of Uppertown. Asides from this we continue to report numerous highways defects such as flooding and potholes all year round to try and keep our parish roads in the best condition possible.

Time has also been spent this year tidying up the Sand Hole Common Land. Regular grass cutting is planned during 2015 in the hope to make this area much more parishioner friendly.

We have continued to be busy with research and lobbying which will set us up for work to be undertaken during the forthcoming year. Much work has been undertaken in conjunction with surrounding parishes to try and bring a volunteer bus service to Hethersgill following the removal of our service bus. I have also been appointed to the Life+ Project to restore Bolton Fell to try and ensure that the local community is informed and involved.

The Parish Council are very grateful to the Brampton Cottage Hospital League of Friends for their generous donation of a defibrillator and cabinet to the Council. This is now installed at the Parish Hall. There is more information on

this in the newsletter along with details of some free first aid training for you.

Planning matters have been quiet with only four applications coming to us this year. After the completion of the resurfacing of the Parish Hall car park, the Council took the decision to have a reasonably quiet year in terms of projects. The car park was a huge venture for the Council to have undertaken and so capital projects were put on hold during this current year. This was necessary to allow funds to be accrued - particularly difficult in times that have seen us lose a substantial proportion of our income from the City Council and the reduction or removal of available grant funds. We have however managed to support the parish hall with their continued refurbishment programme, which has this year seen an upgrade to the gents toilets. We were also pleased to be able to continue to make grants towards the PCC, the Social Committee and the Great North Air Ambulance in support of the continued recognition of the work these groups do for our parishioners.

Although our income stream is reducing consistently and we will need to be even more stringent in future years to ensure we keep our books balanced we were pleased to be able to freeze this year's precept which I'm sure was welcome news for most of our parishioners.

Looking forward into 2015/16 we have a few notable plans in addition to those mentioned above. Broadband remains an area of concern and we will continue to work to try and ensure as many of our parishioners can access the superfast speeds available. We also hope to be able to replace the noticeboards at Uppertown and Kirklington with glazed boards to try and prevent the inclement weather either destroying the posters we put up or blowing them away completely, as has been happening frequently.

Finally, I would like to offer thanks to our Clerk, Parish Councillors, City Councillor Judith Prest and County Councillor John Mallinson for their contributions and hard work.

Harry Kay, Chairman

Hethersgill Parish Council, April 2015

2013/14(£)	<u>Receipts</u>	2014/15(£)
6,500.00	Precept and CTRS Grant	7,000.00
8,874.00	Project Grants	906.00
1,000.00	Grants Pre-paid for 2014/15	0
180.00.	Recycling	0
2780.42	VAT Reclaimed	0
52.50	The Gill Ads	18.75
19,386.92	TOTAL	9,874.75
	<u>Payments</u>	
423.28	Administration	337.64
2,899.63	Clerk's Salary	2,933.10
13,492.10	Parish Hall Projects	3,700.00
500.00	Parish Church Grant	500.00
0	Recycling	0
650.00	Donations (incl. S137)	700.00
704.00	The Gill	379.95
243.80	Insurance	159.00
0	Audit Fees	0
2,707.02	VAT Incurred	20.00
300.00	Website	300.00
21,919.88	TOTAL	9,129.69
Summary		
4,666.95	Brought Forward	2,133.99
19,386.92	Add Income	12,008.74
21,919.88	Less Payments	9,129.69
2,133.99	Balance at Year End	2,879.05
2,433.99	Represented by bank (31st March)	3,179.05
2,133.99	Less Uncashed Cheque of £300	2,879.05
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