

NAFFERTON PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Over the past year the Parish Council has held 12 meetings, and members of the public were in attendance on 10 occasions, with average attendance by councillors of 74%. The later figure may have been a little higher, however councillors Clarke and Owen resigned early in the year, which left two vacancies. These vacancies were advertised, to which we had two respondents. With no necessity for an election, both Mrs Allison and Mr Oliver were co-opted as new councillors and attended their first meeting in November.

As chairman of the parish council I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Clark and Mr Owen for their many years dedication to the council and parish.

Work continued on project established in previous years culminating in the successful launch in November 2005 of the web site and the Village Design Statement.

The web site set up by a group of technically minded residents supported by the Parish Council, has become a good source of information about the village. I hope you, have had the opportunity to view the web site at www.nafferton.net and found it to be of help. There are some club and groups however who are missing out, even though listed on the site; full details and contacts are not included. So please sign on, and supply the web committee with up to date contact detail and increase your groups profile and hopefully membership.

The Village Design Statement produced by a sub committee of Parish Councillors and other volunteer's, describes Naffertons development over the years. Consultation with village residents has provided the information to put forward your aspirations and recommendation for the future. With Nafferton having many amenities, it still remains high on the sustainability threshold analysis and therefore still favoured for further development. Having produced the Design Statement with the East Riding of Yorkshires Councils guidance we hope to influence future developments in the village.

OTHER ACTION PLAN PROJECTS

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| 1. Youth Facilities | Now meeting weekly at the village hall on Tuesdays. With the services of two youth workers | |
| 2. Childs Play Area | Still seeking available land but are in discussion with the Recreation Club | |
| 3. Cycle route to Driffield | Construction complete still requires appropriate signage. | |
| 4. Design Statement | As above, Complete | |
| 5. Web site | As above, Up and running | |

6. Library service New bus now on Westgate every Monday 2pm to 7.30pm (books, internet and phone services)
7. Litter/Dog foul bins All sponsored bins are now in place.
8. Benches All sponsored benches are now in place. More benches and appropriate sites required.
9. Extended bus route to bottom of village No positive outcome. The development of a new route may detract from the services at the top of the village, resulting in their withdrawal.

Over the past year the council had to consider 38 planning applications, which is about average, however 2 of the applications were for 97 houses to be built on Station Road.

This provoked a response from many residents, pointing out that such large-scale development was outside the guidance of the design statement. Many of the comments were taken into consideration went replying to the proposed applications. But this seemed to hold little sway on land that had been previously allocated for development. We still live in hope to have some influence.

The Parish Council Precept for the past year was calculated at £10.96 on a band D property, bringing in £8875. To date the main expenditure has been grass-cutting accounting for 46% of the budget, however overall we have a slight under spend. This has allowed trimming of next year's precept, calculated to be £11.05 per band D property, this allows for the increased costs that are unavoidable.

Next year you have again the opportunity to stand as parish councillors given nomination and required support. If more than 13 candidates are fielded then an election will be necessary, resulting in democratically elected Parish Council.

Finally at the Parish Council AGM next Wednesday I will be stepping down as Chairman, hopefully giving way to someone with a little more time to dedicate to parish business.

Ross Holmes
Chair, Nafferton Parish Council
3rd May 2006