

NAFFERTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMANS REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

May 2012, Mike Jackson

Over the past year the Parish Council has held 12 meetings, there being no meeting in August, as usual, but an extra one in February regarding allotments. The meetings are held on 2nd Wednesday of the month in the village school and everyone is welcome to come and observe.

The attendance of parish councillors was 76%, which was actually higher than last year despite I note that several parish councillors were absent due to illness (including me) this year. Members of the public were present at every meeting, the largest meeting having 21 members of the public attending and also one had 10 boy scouts when we discussed broadband with specialists from East Riding Council. We also have had the local PCSO and Dave England from East Riding Highways come to the meetings to report as well as a visit from two of our local councillors on one occasion.

Looking back we have been busy over the last 12 months:

- After the flooding in 2007 we have kept on working on this and Cllr Joyce Calvert in particular has been following up on flooding meetings and funding. We now have a new pumping station on Nethergate, which we hope will work well.
- The War Memorial has been refurbished, thanks for all the donations received and in particular the work of Cllr Alan Fassinage on that.
- After work by Cllr Geoff Ormerod and Cllr Fiona Trewartha in discussion with the church and various companies the broadband available to the village has now been vastly improved following the installation of wireless broadband on the chapel that is about 10x faster than we had before. Thanks to everyone involved.
- We have continued to search for allotments in the village and considered the Parks as a site, which did not go ahead after listening to public opinion, and we have been looking at other fields and sites and this project is still going on. We hope it will make progress soon.
- The playground continues to be a success with lots of people going and minimum problems.
- Village maintenance: We have bought new gritting equipment so are well prepared for a bad winter. Also we continue to plan on maintenance to the mere. Thanks to the maintenance committee.
- We have worked on an emergency plan for the village (for which I would like to thank Cllr Margaret Buckton and Cllr Andrew Oliver in particular)
- I have mentioned several of the councillors already but would like to thank them all (and the Clerk) for their various contributions over the year, which I have had to skim over in this summary, and apologise if I have left anyone out.

On the financial side the precept this year works out at £12.41 for a band D property, which has gone up by 8p from last year, I feel this is not at all bad in particular as we have allocated a fair bit of money to support the Jubilee celebrations this year.

Finally it is the Parish Council AGM next Wednesday as we prepare for another year.