

Trimingham Parish Council

Chairman's Annual report

2016/17 has been, as usual, a busy year for the council.

We continue to meet every 2 months and discuss many items that concern the day to day running of this small community. As reported last year our application for a Foundation award for the council has now been submitted and we wait for confirmation.

Notable events through 2016/17:

- We continue with getting our verges cut and have to say, when compared to other villages around us, we look very tidy. We think this is very important for the village and we will continue to manage this during the coming year.
- Your chairman continues his participation in the NNDC Coastal forum meetings, and during this year has been appointed as a Community Volunteer representative on the Norfolk Coast Partnership, the organisation that looks after our cherished ANOB status. We started discussions with Overstrand and other Parish councils along this coast to present a common face to District and County regarding the problems (and opportunities) that we see from coastal erosion. However this initiative seems to be stumbling a little due to lack of interest by other parishes who do not have the same concerns as us. Watch this space.
- We continue to report the pot holes which are endemic on our roads and get them repaired.
- The finances for the parish council are in good order. See copies of the accounts available today.
- Police coordination and reporting. Two representatives from this council attend the SNAP panels meetings at North Lodge every two months and I have to say that this certainly reinforces the view that we live in a very 'safe' area of the county/country.
- Resilience planning
- Pursuing planning issues
- We carried out an audit of the assets that the village owns (benches/notice boards etc) and agreed that they all needed some attention. Hopefully you will have seen that over the period all have received a coat of paint!
- The village sign was removed and refurbished. We are going to move the grit bin from under the sign (and place it next to the telephone box) and make a pleasant feature of the area around the sign.
- Some parishioners reported that there seemed to be lots of rubbish being dumped by the waysides of the village so we agreed to install a waste bin by the private road leading to the playground. It seems to fill regularly!
- We are also going to install a second notice board by the entrance to Staden Park.

During this period we were informed that we had been successful with our BLF bid and were awarded a grant that will allow us to build a new hall. As you know the Parish council own

the land (Stonefields, which is adjacent to the Anglia Water pumping station) and it is there that the new hall will appear. Recently the management committee applied for and were awarded Charity status, and the Charity 'Trimingham Village Hall Trust' will be the organisation that proceeds to run the Pilgrim Shelter and build the new facility.

- Pilgrim Shelter. We continue to use this facility more than ever. We continue with the general maintenance of the building and are now thinking that we will give inside a coat of paint as we will have to continue to use the building until the new hall is available. The discussion about what happens to this iconic building when we have the new hall needs to start. Whist we would like to think that it will always remain a part of the fabric of the village we do not want two village halls creating two lots of costs. Ideas about future use, seasonal café...heritage centre need to be developed. Accounts for the Pilgrim Shelter are available.
- New hall. Now for the exciting news! If you have been following us by reading the village newsletter you will be very much up to date. All the funds are now in place to enable this project to proceed. When the official tenders were opened we had a small funding problem but with the help of the BLF, NNDC (who I cannot praise enough) Sheringham Shoal and our own Fund raisers we seem to have overcome that hurdle and are set. A contractor is chosen (although not yet appointed) and we only have to have the final green light from BLF who are reviewing our post tender report. The hall will be a great asset to the village and surrounding Poppyland area. We need all to start thinking now of the future and come up with ideas for additional use.

One of our tasks in the next period must be to try and involve more people in village concerns, and get their views heard. This is very important for the sustainability and development of our village. Everybody has an opinion!

I would like to finish by thanking my fellow Councillors and especially our clerk, Julie, for her continued good work in keeping us on a straight and legal course.

Terry Brown

Chair

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