

Aislaby Parish Council Chairman's Report of Activities 2015/16

Councillors

- In the last year we have had the elections, and it is good to see familiar faces return; however, Cllrs M Yates, I Pearson and J Dent decided not to come back on and these have now been replaced with the co-option of Cllrs W Scarth, D Potter and L Hall. Our new councillors are quickly learning the ropes and becoming familiar with the rules and regulations of parish council!
- Thanks should go to all the members of the parish council for their continued contributions throughout the year.

Meetings

- The Parish Council continues to meet on the third Tuesday of every month
- Whilst a representative from the police force is not always able to attend each meeting, a monthly report is supplied to highlight criminal activities in the area
- At the meetings there have been regular updates from SBC Cllr J Nock
- There has been a review and updating of several of the Parish Council statutory policies to ensure that the council meets its legal obligations

Public Conveniences

- The Parish Council continues to manage the Public Toilets and bus shelter
- Whilst the grant from SBC towards the ongoing maintenance has ceased, NYMNPA have continued to give £1300 towards the upkeep

Parish Maintenance

- The Parish Council continues to liaise with SBC, NYCC and NYMNPA on a number of issues that affect the parish such as footpaths, maintenance of highways, flooding and drainage issues, speeding concerns, dog fouling and waste management
- The Parish Council continues to maintain the benches and noticeboard utilising a contractor to undertake the works
- Our contractor continues to trim verge areas throughout the village, NYCC continues to assist in funding the strimming of the designated visibility areas
- The Parish Council has now its own website which is continually updated with information regarding parish council meetings and other relevant information

Affordable Housing

- This project appears to have been put on hold due to financial issues

Garths

- Annual Garth Fines continue to be collected. Any resident interested in renting a Garth should contact the Clerk about being put on the waiting list

Planning applications

- 17 planning applications and consultations were received from SBC, NYCC & NYMNPA for consideration during the year

Finance

- The Potash Option fee of £641.03 was received from York Potash Ltd under the Option Agreement in respect of mineral rights attaching to land owned by the Council
- £2066 has been received in 2015/16 for the Parish Precept, and it was agreed that there should be a freeze of the precept in the 2016/17 financial year
- £1763.62 has been received from SBC in respect of the Model Agreement for 2015/16. The approved estimate for the 2016/17 financial year is £1763.62; however, there may be a shortfall in receipt of monies due to an underspend in the Model Agreement in 2015/16 financial year. The Model Agreement monies from SBC help towards maintenance costs, for example such items as grass verge and open area strimming throughout the village, and is aimed to assist SBC in reducing its administrative burden of managing such tasks
- Smith of Derby continues with the annual maintenance checks of the church public clock

Cllr T Jefferson
Chairman