

Aislaby Parish Council Chairman's Report of Activities 2016/17

Councillors

- 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

Public Conveniences

- The Parish Council continues to manage the Public Toilets and bus shelter
- NYMNPA has 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 regularly updates the parish council website in line with the Transparency Code for Smaller Councillors
- The Clerk has completed the archiving of documents at NYCC County Records, going forward it will be required to archive further documents on a more ad hoc basis

Affordable Housing

- This project will now not proceed as planned due to financial constraints and changes in planning policy by central government

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

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

Finance

- The Parish Council has signed the Lease of Minerals Agreement with York Potash in respect of mineral rights attaching to land owned by the Council with quarterly payments of £163.10 to be paid
- £2066 has been received in 2016/17 for the Parish Precept, and it was agreed that the Parish Council should increase the Precept to £2150.00 per annum; however, this equates to a zero percent increase to residents on their council tax bill
- £1497.86 has been received from SBC in respect of the Model Agreement for 2016/17, this is versus the approved estimate for the 2016/17 financial year of £1763.62 due to an underspend in the Model Agreement in 2015/16 financial year. The approved estimate for 2017/18 is £1781.26, but again will be reduced to a shortfall in expenditure in 2016/17. 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