

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL Annual Report 2009



Welcome to Richard Inman who was co-opted onto the council in May 2008.

In November we were successful in our application to be re-accredited as a Quality Parish Council. The first in Cambridgeshire to be re-accredited. Unfortunately we were not so successful in the Village of the Year competition and lost out to Elton near Peterborough. Thanks to all those who contributed and spoke to the judges back in July.

The council has continued its work on the Emergency Plan and I can now say we have a system in place, for us to work with the emergency services and Huntingdonshire District Council should there be an emergency in the parish. Thankyou to all the volunteers who have agreed to assist us.

The garden plots are proving very popular and there is now a waiting list. The council is offering half plots when one becomes available to allow more to use this facility. This is a national problem and the council is looking for more land.

Following legislative changes Parish and Town Councils can now resolve to use the 'Power of Wellbeing' subject to meeting certain criteria. The council will be looking at this in the course of the year to see how it could benefit the community,

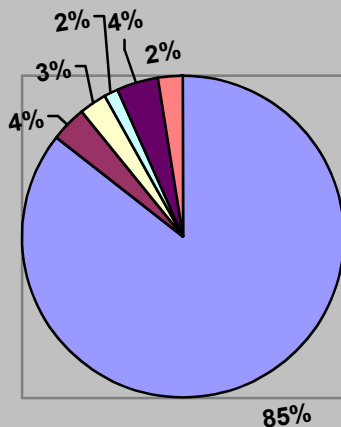
Colin Pearce -Chairman
May 2009



Parish Council with the Quality Council Certificate on the left

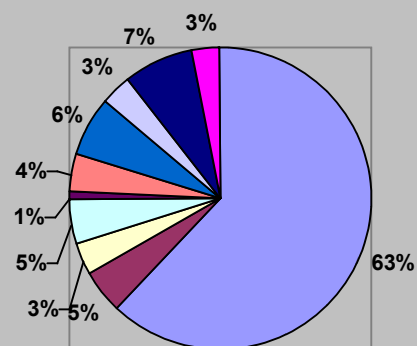
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RECEIPTS 2008/09



- Precept
- Grants
- Burial Fees
- Playing Field
- VAT
- Other Income

EXPENDITURE 2008/09



- General Administration
- Village Hall
- VAT
- Street Lights
- Cemetery
- Grounds Equipment
- Playing Fields
- Loan Repayment
- Millfields - Running Costs
- Other

SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2009

Year ended 31st March 2008		Year ended 31st March 2009
£	RECEIPTS	£
84262	Precept	93500
	NIL Agency Serv's Reimbursed	0
	Nil Loan/ Capital receipts -	0
1216	Interest on Investments	589
1506	Playing Field Lettings (Millfields)	1767
1340	Burial Fees.	2755
404	Garden Plot Rents	553
18379	Grants Received	4026
2861	Other Income	2501
249	Lease Income	250
1000	Loan Repayments	0
0	Sale of Assets	0
<u>12910</u>	VAT on Income and Repayments	<u>4505</u>
<u>124127</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>110446</u>
	PAYMENTS	
58449	Gen Admin, Insurances, staff	62469
0	Agency Services	0
3450	Loan Repayment	3450
86	S 137 Payments	623
9208	Ground Equipment -running costs & Purchase	4283
297	Office Equipment -purchase	763
3000	Village Hall - Operating Grant & Insurance	4982
0	Village Hall Extension Project	0
6741	Millfields -Running Costs	7510
3883	Playing Field & Play area	6380
1427	Parish Maintenance Work	1719
1197	Cemetery & Churchyard	967
5160	Cemetery road resurfacing and replacement gate posts	0
3934	Street Lights	4662
42988	MUGA	0
12674	Car Park and Village Hall Access Improvements	0
0	Provision for doubtful debts	0
0	Interest on long Term Debts	0
<u>13753</u>	VAT on payments	<u>3340</u>
<u>166247</u>		<u>101328</u>
55323	Balance as at 1st April 2008	13203
<u>124127</u>	Add Receipts	<u>110446</u>
179450		123649
<u>166247</u>	Deduct Total Payments	<u>101328</u>
13203		22321
0	Transfers to/from Reserves	0
13203	Balance at 31st March 2009	<u>22321</u>
	These cumulative funds are represented by:-	
-4937	Current Account	86
18040	30 day notice account	22135
100	Cash Floats	100
13203	TOTAL	<u>22321</u>

WHAT WE DID 2008/09

- Made responses on 31 planning applications.
- Made Gave responses on the following Consultation Documents:-
Huntingdonshire District Council – Huntingdon West Area Action Plan; NATS – Proposed changes to Airspace; Huntingdonshire District Council – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report
North West Cambridge Area Action Plan; South Cambs DC – 4 Supplementary Planning Documents; HDC – Local Development Framework – Core Strategy; Post Office Closures; DCLG – The making and enforcement of byelaws; SCDC/Cambridge City Council – North West Area Action Plan; Cambridge and Peterborough - Minerals and Waste Preferred Option; HDC – Taxis in Huntingdonshire; Cambridge Transport Commission; HDC – LDF – Development Plan Management DPD; Regional Strategy – Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation; HDC - Core Strategy – Site Allocations; St Ives Town Centre- Market Hill Environmental Improvement; HDC - Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD; Mineral and Waste Plan – Additional sites
- Completed the revision of the footpath leaflet. A copy was delivered to every household. Spare copies are on sale at 50p.
- Undertook some refurbishment of the play area.
- Repainted the outside of Millfields.
- Completed the Emergency Plan. Thankyou to all the people have volunteered to help if we need them. This continues to be revised and tested.
- Completed the Guide to Activities and Amenities in the parish. A copy was delivered to every parish.
- Renovated the Village Sign.

PLANS 2009/10

- Continue to seek funding to undertake necessary repairs to the riverbank at Holywell to halt erosion.
- Upgrade the CCTV system at the Village Hall and Millfields.
- Renovate Lock-Up (subject to grant funding being available)
- Upgrade website, install a hearing loop at Millfields (subject to grant funding)
- The council is looking at ways of improving disabled access to play area.
- The council is actively looking for more allotment land.
- Survey of cemetery to assess the long term availability of burial space.
- Continue to lobby for yellow lines at the school.

45p a month Council Tax Increase.

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council have increased their council tax request from £93500 to £97000 for 2009/10. In this current economic climate the council considered their budget very carefully, but was unable to avoid an increase. They have been hit by an increase in the street lighting charge for the current and the next financial year of roughly 88%.

This council tax figure set in December was an increase of 3.8%. However, due to a change to the tax base for the area only just notified, this will show as 4.7% on your rates demand. The reduction in the tax base from 980 to 971 was caused by the number of households in the parish claiming a 25% reduction increasing, 2 properties being classed as exempt and a reduction in the banding on some properties in Spinney Way. The increase in the parish council element of the bill on a Band D property is £4.49pa or just under 9p a week.



Riverbank, Holywell.

Who and What is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council comprises of 13 voluntary Councillors who serve for a term of 4 years and represent an electorate of 1999. The Council employs 5 part-time members of staff:-

Mrs Sandra Mitcham - Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Mrs Helen-Sirot Smith – Assistant Parish Clerk

Mr Ken Laud – Groundsman/Village Handyman

Mr Colin Sturgeon - Groundsman.

Mrs Lorraine Pearce - Cleaner for Millfields Pavilion

The Council have appointed Steve Wilson as Independent Internal Auditor. Moore Stephens is the External Auditor.

The Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month except August. Agendas are displayed on noticeboards around the village and on the website. -www.holywell-cum-needingworthparishcouncil.co.uk

The public are welcome to attend these meetings and speak during the **10 minute public forum**. Some of the business is delegated to the following committees-

Leisure Facilities Committee, Environment Committee, Consultation Documents Committee, Human Resources Committee, Audit Committee and Planning and Finance Committee.

The Parish Council has representatives on other bodies outside the Parish Council. and Councillors attend meetings on the Council's behalf. These are: -

Quarry Liaison Committee ; Neighbourhood Police Forums; Village Hall Trust; Relief in Need Charity; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils; St Ives Road Safety Committee, Community Café and Bluntisham Internal Drainage Board.

Parish Office

Needingworth Village Hall,
Overcote Lane, Needingworth.
Normal opening hours (subject
to holidays etc) Tuesday and
Thursdays 10am to midday.
Call to check availability at other
times.

**NOTE: The clerk should not
be contacted at home in person
or by phone.**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Parish Councils is
responsible for:-

- Millfields;
- Overcote Lane Playing field
including the play area;
- Garden Plots
- Cemetery.
- Closed churchyard at Holywell
- Common Land
- Streetlights with PC on the
column
- Bus Shelter
- Seats
- Some litter bins
- Maintaining the Rights of
Way

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NO</u>
CLERK		
Mrs S J Mitcham	Village Hall, Overcote Lane.	468451
PARISH COUNCILLORS		
Mr C Pearce (Chairman)	22 Harris Crescent	468759
Mr J Precious (Vice- Chairman)	Old Inn House, Back Lane, Holywell	300147
Mr J Anderson	Priory Farm, Lowndes Drove	463424
Ms C Border	30, Townsend Rd	466645
Mr R Inman	6 Beldams	463184
Mr K Mack	14 Townsend Road	494882
Mr D MacPherson	6 Priory Road	468633
Mrs J Carter	25 Bedford Close	495567
Mr A Holloway	Orchards End, Back Lane, Holywell	467748
Mr J Neish	7 Willow Green	466110
Mr I Neve	5 Ravenscourt	466445
Mrs C Palmer-Asplin	59 Russett Ave	464573
Mr M Williamson	3 Priory Close	465821
DISTRICT COUNCILLORS		
Cllr T Rogers	Honeysuckle Cottage, 34 Meadow Lane, Earith. PE27 3QE	01487 840477
Cllr P Godfrey	Manor Farm, 59 Wood End, Bluntisham,	01487 841476
COUNTY COUNCILLORS		
Cllr K Reynolds	17 Virginia Way, St Ives	496006
Cllr D Pegram	65 Needingworth Road, St Ives	469253