

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL Annual Report 2011



As, I write this introduction, we have a new council as of 5th May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank departing councillors James Anderson, John Precious and Ken Mack for their work on the council.

Times are challenging in the current economic climate and there is the added pressure of spending cuts at district and county council level. The Localism Bill is passing its way through parliament which will alter some of the legislation that governs the parish council and offer it the opportunity to become eligible to use the 'Power of General Competence'.

During this forthcoming year the council is planning to review the Parish Plan published in 2004. This will enable all of you to give your views on a wide range of issues to assist the council in planning its work for the next 5 years. An application has been made for grant funding to erect a long awaited storage extension to the village hall and install hearing loop.

Colin Pearce -Chairman

June 2011

PARISH COUNCIL-HISTORY

1894 - Parish Council formed.
1957 - Overcote Lane Playing field purchased.
1974 - Overcote Lane playing field extended.
1979 - First Burial – new cemetery.
1982(circa) – Churchyard closed and the parish council took over maintenance.
1991 - Village Hall constructed.
1992 - Allotments first opened.
1998 - Footpath leaflet produced.
1999 - Millfields opened.
1999 - Village Hall Extension for bar.
1999 - Millennium beacon installed.
2000 - Play Area relocated and new one installed.
2000 - Car park extension to rear of bowls club and bowls club area extended.
2001 - Village of the Year – Regional and County Winners

2002 - New lease to tennis club for new courts
2003 - Village Design Statement published.
2003 - First Quality Council in Cambridgeshire
2004 - Parish Plan published.
2004 - Teenage Shelter.
2007 - MUGA installed.
2007 - Access improvements to village hall and old tennis courts converted to car parking.
2008 - Quality Council status renewed.
2008 - Footpath Leaflet revised.
2009 - Footpath from village hall to play area.
2009/10 - Community Engagement project including new website.
2010 - Riverbank works at Holywell.
2010 – Eligible to use the 'Power of Wellbeing'



**Opening of Millfields
31st May 1999**



Golden Jubilee Street Par
Do you want to celebrate the Diamond
Let the council know your



SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011

Year ended 31st March 2010		Year ended 31st March 2011
£	RECEIPTS	£
97000	Precept	100500
	NIL Agency Serv's Reimbursed	0
	Nil Loan/ Capital receipts -	0
40	Interest on Investments	53
1839	Playing Field Lettings (Millfields)	1948
2180	Burial Fees.	3285
542	Garden Plot Rents	384
11284	Grants Received	9876
5266	Other Income	4399
252	Lease Income	253
0	Loan Repayments	0
0	Sale of Assets	0
<u>2026</u>	VAT on Income and Repayments	<u>6403</u>
<u>120429</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>127101</u>
	PAYMENTS	
63666	Gen Admin, Insurances, staff	61731
0	Agency Services	0
0	Loan Repayment	0
113	S 137 Payments	55
6071	Ground Equipment -running costs & Purchase	7806
152	Office Equipment -purchase	0
5764	Village Hall - Operating Grant & Insurance	3179
0	Village Hall Extension Project	0
5956	Millfields -Running Costs	6657
2698	Playing Field & Play area	2464
1764	Parish Maintenance Work	536
2509	Cemetery & Churchyard	1411
6500	Play Area footpath project	0
6318	Street Lights	5309
6281	Riverbank Project	5216
2470	Community Engagement Project	800
3598	Renewals and Refurbishment of assets	510
0	New Allotments	655
0	Provision for doubtful debts	0
0	Interest on long Term Debts	0
<u>4664</u>	VAT on payments	<u>4024</u>
<u>118524</u>		<u>100353</u>
22321	Balance as at 1st April 2010	24226
<u>120429</u>	Add Receipts	<u>127101</u>
142750		151327
<u>118524</u>	Deduct Total Payments	<u>100353</u>
24226		50974
0	Transfers to/from Reserves	0
<u>24226</u>	Balance at 31st March 2011	<u>50974</u>
	These cumulative funds are represented by:-	
3305	Current Account	3509
20821	Savings account & CBS Bond	47365
100	Cash Floats	100
<u>24226</u>	TOTAL	<u>50974</u>

WHAT WE DID 2010/11

- Made responses on 25 planning applications.
- Made representations against a Traveller site between Needingworth and Bluntisham at the appeal hearing which took place over a period of 10 months.
- Made responses on the following Consultation Documents:- Big Lottery- Changes to policy, HDC – Statement of Licensing Policy, HDC-Conservation Area and Listed Buildings, CCC – Developing Integrated Youth Support In Cambridgeshire, CCC – Countryside Advisory Freight Map, Cambridgeshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust, HDC – Gypsy and Traveller sites – Land Availability, CCC – Gritting Arrangements, DCLG – Changes to Accounts and Audit Regulations, Code of recommended practice on Data Transparency, CCC- Cuts in Bus Services
- Negotiations were opened to lease a site for a Community Orchard and allotments, but costs associated with the access meant that this did not proceed. There were also strong objections from those who surrounded the site. The search continues for land to meet the demand for allotments.
- The parish was consulted on turning off streetlights in Holywell. There were 17 responses, 13 of which were against the proposal.
- Benchmarked service provision against other parishes.
- Submitted an appeal against the business rates valuation for Millfields. (hearing awaited)
- Future Jobs Fund- The parish employed additional members of the workforce under a government funded scheme. The salary was paid by the government and the council received payment for managing them. Whilst giving a boost to the work force they learnt some skills which would help them find a job. Following a staff change, Ricky Storr is now with us as part of the grounds maintenance team until the end of October.
- After discussing 4 options with the village hall trust to address the storage issue the parish council came to an agreement as to where this should be located and work began to draw up the plans.

FOCUS ON THE VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is owned by the parish council. In 1994 it was leased to the Village Hall Trust to manage it on a day to basis. Under the terms of the lease the parish council pay the annual insurance premium for the hall. In addition, the trust applies to the council for a grant each year. In 2010/11 the council granted £3000. In the past this grant was handed over for the trust to spend as they wished, but in recent years to obtain best value the council retain it and pay for project/capital items for the hall. As a local authority, the council can reclaim the VAT on these items as it is a grant in kind. This adds an extra 20% in value to this grant. In 2011/12 the council have awarded £3000 and will be retaining it to put towards the extension to the hall.

The trust is run by volunteers and each village group is entitled to have a representative at the meetings and have their input into the running of the hall. Is your group represented? If not or you just want to help contact the trust for more information.
www.needingsworthvillagehall.com



PLANS 2011/12

- Continue search for more allotment land. The council is putting aside money to develop land should it become available.
- Renovation of Lock-Up.
- Review of Parish Plan.
- Monitor cuts at Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council and consider action to mitigate impact on the parish.
- Extend Village Hall for storage and install a hearing loop. (subject to grant funding)
- Co-ordinate Diamond Jubilee C

FAQ about the Parish Council

How many councillors are there?

There are 13 councillors, who are elected but do not get paid.

When does the Parish Council Meet?

Full Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month except August

Committees meet on second or third Tuesday of the month.

Where does the council meet?

At Millfields Pavilion, Mill Way, Needingworth.

What time are the meetings?

The full council starts at 7.30pm.

How will I know what is going to be discussed?

A notice of the meeting with an agenda is on the council website and on the noticeboards in the village by close of business on the Thursday before the meeting.

Can I go to the meetings?

Yes. All meetings are open to the public to sit and listen.

Occasionally there is part of the meeting when the public and press are excluded to discuss confidential matters such as personnel items.

Can I speak during the meeting?

There is a 10 minute public forum at the beginning of the meeting when you can speak and address

PARISH SPORT AND LEISURE

The excellent sports and leisure facilities in the parish were featured in a DVD to promote parish councils. The 10 minute DVD, entitled 'Your Community-You Decide', featured 6 parishes from the Eastern Region. To view on u-tube follow the link:-

<http://www.youtube.com/user/EEAPTC>

GRANTS RECEIVED.

The parish council have a policy of bidding for grant funding wherever possible to fund projects. It has received over **£305,000** since 1997. Details below:-

1997/99 - Sports England Lottery - **£183100** – Millfields.

1997/99 - Hunts District Council **£20000** –Millfields.

1998 - Football Association - **£5000**- Millfields.

1999- Huntingdonshire District Council- **£9500** – Play Area.

2000- Enventure Southern - **£2000** – Play Area.

2000 - Hanson - **£1434.69**- Play Area.

2003/04 – Countryside Agency - **£5000** – Parish Plan.

2004 -Hanson- **£4000** – Teenage Shelter.

2006 -Awards for All - **£585** – Disabled Swing Seat.

2006 -Awards for All - **£9381**- Car Park improvements.

2006- HDC - **£15000** – MUGA.

2007 - Pilgrim Trust - **£800** – Restoration of Map of Fire.

2007 -Wren- **£13000** – MUGA.

2007 -Hanson - **£588.47** – Bench.

2007- Huntingdonshire DC - **£3870.23** – Work on cemetery.

2007 -Cambridge Water - **£250** –Welcome Leaflet.

2009 -COMMA -**£6500**- Footpath to play area.

2010 -WREN - **£8500** – Riverbank works.

2009 -Awards for All - **£3200**- Community Engagement Project.

Forestry Commission – approx £870 pa since 2008 –Holywell Wood -**£5071.50**.

Cambridgeshire County Council until 2011 – Approx £600pa for maintenance of ROW. Totalling over **£8500** to date.

CLERK		
Mrs S J Mitcham	Village Hall, Overcote Lane.	468451
PARISH COUNCILLORS		
Mr C Pearce (Chairman)	22 Harris Crescent	468759
Mr M Williamson (Vice-Chairman)	3 Priory Close	465821
Ms C Border	30, Townsend Rd	466645
Mrs J Carter	25 Bedford Close	495567
Mr M Davison	Owl House, Holywell	463911
Mr G Fisher	5 Park View	466521
Mr R Fountain	18 Priory Rd	496636
Mr A Holloway	Orchards End, Back Lane, Holywell	467748
Mr R Inman	6 Beldams	07919058649
Mrs E MacPherson	6 Priory Road	468633
Mr J Neish	7 Willow Green	466110
Mr I Neve	5 Ravenscourt	466445
Mr T Swales	27 Harris Crescent	464007
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