

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL Annual Report 2012



2011 was certainly a year of change. After 16 years as Parish Clerk we said goodbye to Sandra Mitcham as she moved to her new post as Clerk for Higham Ferrars. On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to record our thanks for all of her hard work and dedication to the Parish. I am pleased to welcome Jane Bowd as our new Parish Clerk.

The elections in May 2011 also brought change and I am pleased to welcome Councillors Davison, Swales and Fountain to the Parish Council.

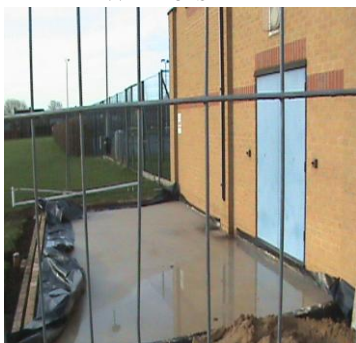
At the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2012 I stood down as Chairman of the Parish Council after 11 years in the chair. I have enjoyed my time as Chairman and would be pleased to take the position again should the opportunity arise in the future. Councillor Michael Williamson has been duly elected to take the role for the forthcoming year.

After many years of planning it was gratifying to finally see work on the village hall extension start in the spring of 2012 and I am delighted to say that it is all but complete apart from the hearing loop which is due to be installed in July.

Colin Pearce- Chairman 2011/12

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’
- 2011/12**- Village Hall Extension- storage



Summary Receipts and Payments for Year ending 31st March 2102

Year ended 31st March 2011		Year ended 31st March 2012
£	RECEIPTS	£
100500	Precept	101000
53	Interest on Investments	390
1948	Playing Field Lettings (Millfields)	2003
3285	Burial Fees.	7615
384	Garden Plot Rents	702
9876	Grants Received	9150
4399	Other Income	1666
253	Lease Income	516
0	Loan Repayments	0
0	Sale of Assets	0
<u>6403</u>	VAT on Income and Repayments	<u>3027</u>
<u>127101</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>126069</u>
	PAYMENTS	
61731	Gen Admin, Insurances, staff	59446
55	S 137 Payments	123
7806	Ground Equipment -running costs & Purchase	3451
0	Office Equipment -purchase	17
3179	Village Hall - Operating Grant & Insurance	5531
0	Village Hall Extension Project	590
6657	Millfields -Running Costs	8484
2464	Playing Field & Play area	2212
536	Parish Maintenance Work	1183
1411	Cemetery & Churchyard	1092
5309	Street Lights	4837
5216	Riverbank Project	0
800	Community Engagement Project	0
510	Renewals and Refurbishment of assets	3066
655	New Allotments	0
	Election expenses	1265
0	Provision for doubtful debts	
0	Interest on long Term Debts	
<u>4024</u>	VAT on payments	<u>3875</u>
<u>100353</u>		<u>95172</u>
24226	Balance as at 1st April 2011	50974
<u>127101</u>	Add Receipts	<u>126069</u>
151327		177043
<u>100353</u>	Deduct Total Payments	<u>95172</u>
50974		81871
0	Transfers to/from Reserves	0
<u>50974</u>	Balance at 31st March 2012	<u>81871</u>
	These cumulative funds are represented by:-	
3509	Current Account	26030
47365	Savings account & CBS Bond	55741
100	Cash Floats	100
<u>50974</u>	TOTAL	<u>81871</u>

RENOVATION OF THE VILLAGE LOCK UP



In 2011/12 we completed the long awaited renovation of the village Lock up. As the building is listed this project required much consultation with the conservation officer at Huntingdonshire District Council as following removal of ivy from the Lock-up it became apparent that the Lock-up was in need of work to prevent further deterioration. The proposed specification for the works was finally approved and a decision taken that the Parish Council would fund this work to avoid any further delay. The contract was placed with a local builder and the Parish Council and many residents are delighted with the results. It has however highlighted the need to clean the war memorial which is now scheduled for later in 2012.

Historically the lock-up is also known as the Cage. It was used for the short-term imprisonment of local drunks or felons before they could be moved to larger accommodation. It was built in 1838 and is situated in the centre of the village near the War Memorial. There is an old faded date-stone above the door together with a new plaque. Village lock-ups are historic buildings that were used for the temporary detention of people in rural parts of England and Wales. They were often used for the confinement of drunks who were usually released the next day or to hold people being brought before the local magistrate.

NAME	ADDRESS	TEL NUMBER
CLERK		
Miss Jane Bowd	Village Hall, Overcote Lane	468451
COUNCILLORS		
Mr M Williamson (Chairman)	3 Priory Close	465821
Mr J Neish (Vice Chairman)	7 Willow Green	466110
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 Road	496636
Mr A Holloway	Orchards End, Back Lane Holywell	467748
Mr R Inman	6 Beldams	079190 58649
Mrs E MacPherson	6 Priory Road	468633
Mr I Neve	5 Ravenscourt	466445
Mr A Whyte	23 Bramley Avenue	464223
District Councillors		
Cllr T Rogers	34 Meadow Lane Earith	01487 840477
Cllr R Carter	5 The Paddock Bluntisham	07986 325637
County Councillors		
Cllr K Reynolds	17 Virginia Way St Ives	496006
Cllr R Pegram	65 Needingworth Road, St Ives	469253

GRANTS RECEIVED

The parish council have a policy of bidding for grant funding wherever possible to fund projects. It has received over **£326800** 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.
 2011- Woodford waste management £15300 – village hall extension
 2011- WREN £5000- village hall extension
 2011 Awards for All £1500 –village hall extension

PARISH PLAN

Changes in government policy mean that more and more responsibility will be passed down from both District and County Council to Parish level. Without large increases to the annual precept we will have to select what projects and work we give priority to. As we are working on your behalf we would like to refresh the objectives of the Parish Plan which give us an over view of resident's priorities and a mandate to carry out work in the forthcoming financial years.

Please complete the questionnaire below and return to:-
Parish Clerk, Needingworth Village Hall, Overcote Lane, Needingworth Cambs PE27 4TU

	Yes	No	Comments
Do you consider there are any major 'danger spots' on the village roads?			
Would you support speed control measures?			
Do you think that the Parish can support any new housing?			
Do you use the following facilities; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post Office• Shop• Mobile library• Chatters community cafe• Local garage• Hairdressers• Village pub• Village Hall• Millfields			
Is the quality of the countryside around the parish important?			
Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher council tax to meet some of the needs of the parish?			
Do you rely on public transport?			
What do you consider should be the Parish Councils highest priority in the next 12 months?			

Any other comments: