

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL Annual Report 2014

Dear Resident,

During the past year there have been no changes to the membership of the Council but the year has been full of challenges with the recession continuing to bite and the Council having to balance the delivery of services with the need to keep council tax at an acceptable level. In January the Council set a precept of £98910, a reduction of 2.5% on 2013.

The villages of Holywell and Needingworth continue to be desirable places to live and during the year the Council has been consulted on 28 planning applications and heard presentations on potential development sites within the Parish, namely Morrison's, Arena Frames and Gifford's Farm.

This has been another difficult year for grounds maintenance due to the adverse weather conditions but the Council continues to work on maintaining a pleasant environment for residents and visitors. The Falklands Walk has been receiving some much needed attention ably led by the tree warden, Councillor Cathy Border. The work will recommence in the autumn after the bird nesting season. A tree survey has also been commissioned and the aim is to carry out its recommendations during the next financial year.

Overcote Lane playing fields continue to be a centre of activity and was therefore the ideal site for the new youth shelter funded by grant application, fund raising by the youngsters of the village and a generous donation from the Queen's Diamond Jubilee committee.

The riverbank at Holywell front continues to cause concern with the erosion and failure of the revetment. The Council have set aside reserves to carry out repairs and are seeking professional advice on the work required. Any work at the site is dependent on the river conditions but it is hoped this will be completed by the end of the year.



The Village Hall lease expires in April 2015.

The Parish Council has formed a premises working party to consider the best and most economical ways of managing the hall and Millfields in the future. It is hoped that a decision will be made shortly with no interruptions of services.

I have now completed nearly 40 years on the Council and in the circumstances I am looking to stand down at the elections in May 2015. It has been a privilege to serve the community over this time and to work with such committed staff and volunteers to whom I would like to record my sincere thanks.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael G Williamson".

Michael G Williamson JP DL, Chairman 2013/14



Riverbank: Holywell Front.

It became apparent in summer of 2013 that the riverbank at Holywell outside of the Ferryboat was failing despite an extensive repair 3 years earlier. The subsequent flooding from October through to March 2014 mean that all efforts to discuss options on repairs were impossible as the site remained inaccessible. For all of the wrong

reasons the village even made BBC news when a long boat moored at the site became grounded on the riverbank.

Having taken legal advice a sign was erected to advise both boat owners and pedestrians of the need for caution when using the site. The Parish Council are continuing to seek professional advice on the best way to deal with this complex and ongoing problem. It is hoped that a solution will be sought and a contractor appointed to carry out the work so that the matter will finally be resolved during 2014, however if grant funding is required this may delay the work.

Electrical Waste Collections.

The Parish Council has an environmental strategy which aims to protect the environment in many ways, including reduction of our collective carbon footprint and the efficient use of resources. Council were therefore delighted back in 2013 to start work with WISER on a schedule of electrical waste recycling known as WEEE.

Hopefully you will have seen posters about these events which enable residents to place any unwanted electrical goods outside of their property for collection and disposal. The last collection was on 15th May 2014 when 2127 KG's were collected. This was not as much as the previous collection (5021KG's), but over double from the first one.

In total, the village has recycled 8098KG's of material (*in just over 1 year*), A large portion of equipment was 'Small Domestic Appliances' (SDA) – Cambs County Council have advised that only 40% (of SDA) is recovered from the Household Waste Recycling Centres, meaning 60% still go to landfill, which does indicate that we have succeeded in diverting material from landfill – *which is exactly our aim!*

If you have any feedback on this service we would be delighted to hear from you, please email needingworthpc@btconnect.com

Telephone: 01480 468451 or write via the Parish Council office at the village hall.

Provisionally our next collection date will be in November but please check the parish council website for the details once they have been confirmed.

www.holywell-cum-needingworthparishcouncil.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL FREE KERBSIDE COLLECTION OF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Please recycle your waste electrical items (WEEE) and help this community.

Date of next collection: Thursday 16th May 2014

Details: Please place all your electrical waste kerbside by 10am. It will be collected and recycled. The parish council will receive revenue for all WEEE collected for use on community projects.

- WASHING MACHINES, COOKERS, FRIDGES, TELEVISIONS & IT EQUIPMENT*
- MOBILE PHONES AND OTHER TELEPHONES
- TOASTERS, KETTLES AND OTHER KITCHEN AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES
- CLOCKS, RADIOS, CAMERAS
- VIDEO RECORDERS, GAMES CONSOLES, MUSIC SYSTEMS
- DRILLS AND OTHER POWER TOOLS
- ALL TYPES OF LIGHTBULBS & TUBES



* With larger appliances we can assist with moving them from your property to our vehicle. Please do not create an obstruction to the equipment by leaving these larger items kerbside.
WEEE: Materials are accepted directly at our Re-Use & Recycling Facility at: 11 Causton Rd, St Ives, PE27 2LS.
WISER Recycling
www.wiserrecycling.com

Summary Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ending 31st March 2014

2013		2014
	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
101514	Precept	100600
0	Agency Serv's Reimbursed-	0
0	Loan/ Capital receipts -	0
425	Interest on Investments	643
12121	Playing Field Lettings/income (Millfields)	4370
2405	Burial Fees.	3260
549	Garden Plot Rents	635
17194	Grants Received	7500
345	Other Income	5373
301	Lease Income	964
0	Loan Repayments	0
0	Sale of Assets	0
<u>11041</u>	VAT on Income and Repayments	<u>7944</u>
<u>145895</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>131289</u>
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
54461	Gen Admin, Insurances, staff, training, subs, youth work.	59056
0	Agency Services	0
0	Loan Repayment	0
820	S 137 Payments	67
16643	Ground Equipment -running costs & Purchase	4698
0	Office Equipment -purchase	0
4122	Village Hall - Operating Grant & Insurance	1481
29726	Village Hall Extension Project	0
8215	Millfields -Running Costs & Maintenance	8107
1785	Playing Fields & Play area	1901
1121	Parish Maintenance Work	1897
0	Play Area footpath project	0
52	Riverbank project	1410
84	Community Engagement Project	10896
3532	Renewals and Refurbishment of Assets	7386
2255	Cemetery & Churchyard	1026
4428	Street Lights	2686
0	Common Land	3060
0	Provision for doubtful debts	0
0	Election expenses	0
0	Interest on long Term Debts	0
<u>12741</u>	VAT on payments	<u>8443</u>
<u>139985</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>112291</u>



Parish Elections 2015

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish

Council Needs YOU!

A person is qualified to become a council member if he/she is a Commonwealth citizen and is an elector over the age of 18 years old. In addition he/she must, for twelve months prior to nomination, have either: resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it; or occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises there; or had his/her principal or only place of work there.

Elections and Meetings

The Parish Council is made up of 13 Councillors and meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the evening with committees meeting on the 3rd Tuesday monthly.

Responsibilities

Our Parish Council deals with many aspects of village life including:

- Management of recreation grounds and play areas
- Organisation of grass cutting
- Maintenance of the bus shelter and provision of seats
- Provision and maintenance Mill Way cemetery
- Provision and maintenance of the garden plots

We are also consulted by Huntingdonshire District Council about planning and development within the parish and work closely with both the County Council and District Council on many varied issues.

What do Parish Councillors do?

Speak at council meetings - all views are important, you need to join in with what's going on in the community and understand what local people think, make decisions on behalf of parishioners including how much money the Council should raise from tax and ensuring that the money is then wisely spent.

And finally....if you would like to know more please contact one of your existing Councillors listed below

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NO</u>
CLERK		
Miss Jane Bowd	Needingworth Village Hall, Overcote Lane, Needingworth	468451
PARISH COUNCILLORS		
Mr J Neish (Chairman)	7 Willow Green	466110
Mr C Pearce (Vice Chairman)	22 Harris Crescent	468759
Ms C Border	30 Townsend Rd	466645
Mrs J Carter	25 Bedford Close	495567
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 I Neve	5 Ravenscourt	466445
Mrs C Norman	42 Harris Crescent	463724
Mr A Whyte	23 Bramley Avenue	464223
Mr M Williamson	3 Priory Close	465821