



HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL



Chairman's report / review

It is good to reflect on another year of positive milestones in the life of Hempnall PC.

Recent years have been dominated by the fight against a windfarm development and it was welcome news recently to learn that TCI have now withdrawn their Judicial Review against Eric Pickles' decision to refuse planning permission for this project.

This controversial application has, for nearly nine years, divided our local communities and caused a sad deterioration in personal relationships. I really hope that bridges can now be built in restoring relationships clearly damaged by this affair.

It was really good to support the Village Hall Committee in the resurfacing work on the car park. In the early stages of the discussions on this matter, I was less than convinced that the work was necessary and justified. I was however obliged to eat humble pie when I finally witnessed the effect that the end result had on the overall profile of the village hall.

Another pleasing project for us to have been involved in is the plans for refurbishment and extension to the play area on the village hall. Many of the items of equipment will be repaired and re—painted and new items bought to give us an asset to be proud of. Special thanks must go to Lisa Mathieson for having the courage to drive this project forward with the support of the Parish Council and I look forward to seeing the finished product.

This will be my last Chairman's Report for this Parish Council as I shall not be seeking re-election next May. It is now eight years since I moved to Topcroft and I believe now is the right time for me to move on.

I am grateful for the camaraderie I have enjoyed with my colleagues, past and present during my 20 years as a member of this council. I have enjoyed the many challenges we have had to rise to as a group and I am proud to have worked with you all. I am extremely indebted to Ian Nelson, our Parish Clerk for his enormous contribution to the smooth and effective work in enabling this PC to function as a professional body, Ian, thank you!

A final thanks must go, as ever to Derek Cracknell for his continued support in keeping our village clean and tidy. It is people like Derek, who go quietly about their work, who do make a big difference to village life.

Annual report 2015

Financial Information – Extract from Full Accounts

<u>31st March</u>				<u>31st March</u>	
<u>2014</u>			<u>Notes</u>	<u>2015</u>	
<u>£</u>				<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
		INCOME			
31,500.00		Precept			28,000.00
1,979.00		Council tax support grant			2,199.00
92.16		Interest on investments			76.73
200.00		Recycling receipts			200.00
6,250.00		Donations			16,025.50
275.00		Land rent	7		125.00
-		Agency Services Reimbursed			-
-		Loans taken out			9,775.50
-		Capital receipts	1b		-
1,016.94		Playing field Users Assn. Income	6		1,316.29
41,313.10		TOTAL INCOME			57,718.02
		EXPENDITURE			
1,627.09		General administration			1,392.49
3,984.79		Wages			4,078.54
1,698.01		Grass Cutting			1,765.61
35.66		Village improvements			-
-		Capital spending	1a		563.17
210.03		Street lighting			210.04
338.56		Annual subscriptions & donations			643.39
600.00		Litter Clearance			630.43
344.00		Playground Maintenance			3,720.44
-		Churchyard Maintenance			400.00
-		Village Hall Car Park repair			16,292.50
245.20		Dog Bins			245.20
-		Agency services			-
-		Provision for bad & doubtful debts			-
-		Repayment of Loan			9,775.50
-		Interest on long term debts			-
18,636.07		Wind Turbines			29,876.92
1,178.45		Playing field Users Assn. Expenditure	6		1,236.00
28,897.86		TOTAL EXPENDITURE			70,830.23
		GENERAL FUND			
26,971.49		General fund at beginning of year			39,553.50
41,313.10		Add total income		57,718.02	
(28,897.86)		less total expenditure		(70,830.23)	
12,415.24		Surplus/(Deficit)			(13,112.21)
39,386.73		General fund at end of year			26,441.29
-		Transfers from Capital Fund			563.17
166.77		Transfers from Earmarked Funds			-
-		Transfers to Earmarked Funds			(80.29)
39,553.50		Balance at 31st March 2015			26,924.17

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