

WINGERWORTH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

2008/2009



*Chairwoman of the Council,
Cllr Ann Sainty*

Welcome to Wingerworth Parish Council's Annual Report for 2008/2009. Over the next few pages you can read about the Parish Council's activities over the past year, view Members' attendance records and see details of income and expenditure for the twelve month period.

FEATURED INSIDE

- Superb new pavilion at the bowling green
- Parish allotment management
- Partnership arrangements
- Setts Path improvements
- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Chairwoman's Annual Report 2008/2009

Extracts from the address made by Cllr Ann Sainty at the Annual Meeting of Electors in April

"One of the main undertakings that the Council has made this year has been the bowling pavilion. This gives the Bowling Club long-term security and a more functional building that is pleasing to the eye. I would like to thank members of the Bowling Club Committee for their contribution and particularly Neil McKeown for his expertise.

"Another achievement during this past year has been the complete overhaul of the Setts footpath with funding from Derbyshire County Council. Not only has it been beneficial to local residents but it will become part of the Green Ways system linking into a network of locations. What was once a dilapidated and unsafe footpath has now been turned into a clean, safe and well-lit one. I do hope people recognise this effort and keep it free from tipping and waste.

"The Council has once again funded a series of activities for young people at Tupton Hall School where young people living in Wingerworth aged 11 and over have been able to participate in a variety of activities. The Council has been planning for a WY Café at the Church Centre and has been examining ways of providing opportunities for young people from the Adlington Estate.

"Fast becoming the most wanted man in uniform is our PCSO Mike Coates. He is part of the Wingerworth Safer Neighbourhood Team. Along with them, Mike has helped to build up communication with the public and to address nuisance calls and vandalism in the area.

"I would like to thank all of the Council staff and my fellow councillors whose work is much appreciated. We aim to serve the residents of Wingerworth to the best of our abilities and that is our commitment."

*Ann Sainty
Chairwoman of
the Parish Council*



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■ During the past year the Parish Council has continued to invest in and maintain a range of important areas for the local community. A particularly noteworthy venture was the collaborative project with the Bowling Club to construct a new pavilion at the bowling green to replace the old wooden structure that had been destroyed as a result of an arson attack. A handsome contribution from the Club coupled with a generous grant from Viridor enabled the Council to build the superb new facility.



The new pavilion at the bowling green

■ The Council continued to have an excellent working relationship with the Wingerworth Allotment Holders' Association whose work in maintaining and managing the parish allotments underpins the continuing success of a very popular and much appreciated community asset.

■ A relationship of more recent origins is the one with the Clay Cross Angling Association who have taken over the stewardship of the Wall Pond and who have



The Wall Pond under the diligent stewardship of the CCAA

invested time, effort and money in restocking the pond and maintaining the surrounding area over the past twelve months.

■ The excellent relationship with the Police continued through the year and owed much to the exemplary contribution of PCSO Mike Coates who often attended Council meetings while off duty and was always quick to respond to requests for support. On a broader front, the Council's support for and involvement in the Wingerworth Safer Neighbourhood Team continued, notwithstanding some structural changes imposed from outside the Parish, and the forum continued to review local crime and anti-social behaviour and to set local priorities for the Police.

■ While the Council has been critical of the multi-party Wingerworth Community Partnership over the past year, it has been extremely appreciative of some highly effective working relationships with its two main partner authorities - Derbyshire County Council and North East Derbyshire District Council - both of whom have offered help and support to the Council as well as to the Parish generally.



A section of the well-managed allotments off Watson Lane

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Cllr Michael Prout takes a mince pie as PCSO Mike Coates joins in Christmas festivities at the Parish Hall

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

■ In the period covered by this report, the County Council have liaised with the Parish Council over the reinstatement, resurfacing and general improvements to the lengthy Setts Path and have continued to provide a first class library service and resource centre in the Parish Hall. The District Council have worked to a contract to maintain the Parish's sporting and play facilities in a good and safe condition and have provided advice and guidance on a regular basis throughout the year.

■ Within the Parish, the Council values the contributions of many individuals, such as the planning group, the footpath volunteers and our Tree Warden, who give so freely of their



Footpath volunteers constructing a new path to the Adlington sports fields

time and expertise, and the many companies and individuals who offer donations towards the Parish's illuminated Christmas Tree and the summertime floral displays.

■ At the same time as undertaking the range of work and providing the series of services for which it is responsible, the Council had been able to adhere to its budgets by the maintenance of tight financial controls and by striving for value-for-money in all its dealings. The financial results are summarised in this report.

■ The good progress made by the Council during the year owed much to the good governance and freely given commitment of the Councillors as well as the dedication and application of the Council staff.



The opening of the renovated Setts Path with County Cllr Brian Lucas cutting the tape in the presence of Parish Council Chairwoman Ann Sainty and fellow councillors Diana Ruff and Bill Pickford

Membership of the Council and attendance records

A combination of eleven monthly meetings and a Budget Meeting made for a total of twelve full meetings of the Council during 2008/2009.

The average attendance of Members at these meetings was 72% which included the records of two Members who were unavoidably unable to attend for much of the year due, in one case, to an injury sustained and, in the other case, to working away. Both these Members continued to take a close interest in the affairs of the Council.

Without the long term absence of these Members, the average attendance for the year was 81% which is a highly creditable performance given that Members give freely of their time and have to balance Council duties with other responsibilities.

Members' attendance records for the year

Cllr Ann Sainty	12	out of	12
Cllr Tom Snowdon	1	out of	12
Cllr Stuart Ellis	12	out of	12
Cllr Chris Hutchings	8	out of	12
Cllr Anne Knyhynyckyj	6	out of	12
Cllr Kevin Moore	11	out of	12
Cllr John Ollis	10	out of	12
Cllr Peter O'Neill	10	out of	12
Cllr Margaret Parker	8	out of	12
Cllr Bill Pickford	9	out of	12
Cllr Michael Prout	12	out of	12
Cllr Jan Robinson	4	out of	12
Cllr Carole Nelson	8	out of	12
Cllr Diana Ruff	10	out of	12

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Council's Financial Results for 2008/09

The recurrent income for the Parish Council for the last financial year was £161,481 which was an increase in income of some £5,000 against the budgeted figure of £156,382. The improved position in comparison to the budget was in part due to an increase in lettings revenues but there was also an increase in a variety of small grants, claims and incentive payments.

The recurrent expenditure for the same period was £149,641 which showed a saving of over £8,000 against the budgeted figure of £157,877. Savings were achieved in all major areas of expenditure with the sole exception of the Parish Hall where expenditure on repairs and renewals exceeded the budget figure as a result of more essential work to the premises than was originally envisaged.

The net result for the year was a surplus of income received over expenditure made of close to £12,000 and this figure will help to meet the costs of projects already planned for the current year.

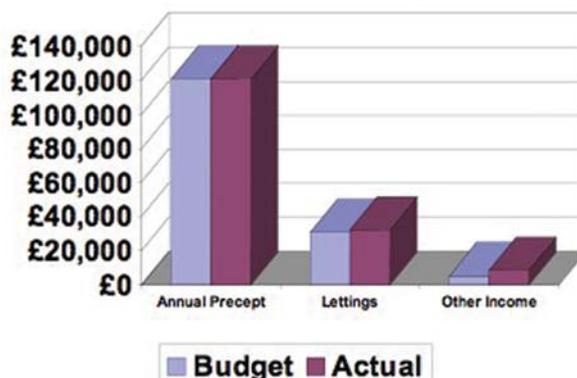
In addition to the recurrent expenditure the Council committed a total of £22,635 to capital expenditure and projects which was almost balanced by a donation of £23,000 from the Wingerworth Bowling Club towards the cost of a new pavilion, much of the cost of which will fall into the new financial year.

A report on the Council's financial results for 2008/09 was presented at the Annual Meeting of Electors. Since then the Council has received a clean report from our Internal Auditor with no issues raised. The results of the Audit Commission's external audit of the Council's financial accounts will be posted on the main Parish Hall notice board in the autumn.

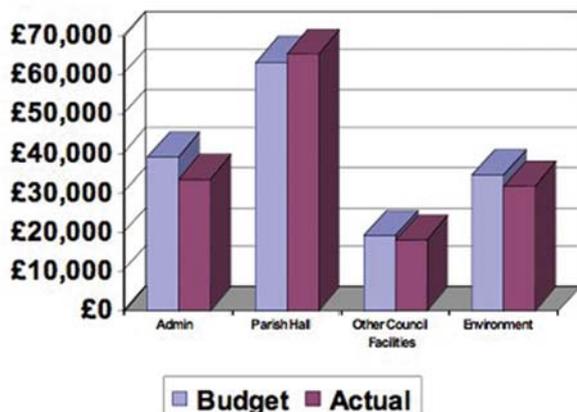
The Council remains committed to a tight control of expenditure and strives to achieve value for money in all of its activities.

Mike Taylor
Clerk to the Council

Recurrent Income 2008/09



Recurrent Expenditure 2008/09



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