

Reflecting on a busy

Annual Report, 2017/18,
by Parish Council Chair,
Coun Diana Ruff



THE Chair reported on several changes of personnel during the past year.

Long-standing clerk, Mike Taylor, retired after serving the council for just over 14 years. Neil Allen, the premises manager, also retired following 21 years working for the Council.

Charlotte Taylor joined the council as permanent clerk in January, followed by a new handyman, Richard Fuller, who joined the team in November.

Andy Pashley joined the council in March as a co-opted member.

The council has had another busy year, dealing with day-to-day issues, and supporting the Neighbourhood Plan to its final stage.

The Chair thanked all members of the Steering Group; Peter Rhodes, David Melton, Bill O'Connor, Brian Ashall, Anthony Willmot, John Winter and Vernon Ellis who have all worked on the project.

The Chair also thanked consultant, Andrew Towlerton from Your Locale, for his support over the past two years.

The council held a Public Planning Consultation in October to help address residents' concerns over the large influx of new housing development proposals in Wingerworth.

MP Lee Rowley, along with County Councillor Barry Lewis, District Councillor Pat Antcliff and several members of Wingerworth Parish Council, attended the event and spoke with the 200-plus people who attended.

Derbyshire Crime Commissioner, Hardyl Dhindsa, attended the November meeting to address the council and members of the public on his aspirations for his term of office.

In December, the council made the decision to undertake a project to build a new Parish Hall. The council remain aware of the degree of opposition to this, but also knows there is considerable support for the project.

The council has employed architects Mitchell and Proctor to draw up draft plans to move onto the next phase of the project; seeking out costings and addressing funding and planning issues.

In the previous 2017 report, the Chair mentioned that policies and the Business Plan would be reviewed. It was confirmed that policies have been reviewed and updated where necessary, as well as the introduction of new policies to keep in line with current legislation.

The Business Plan for 2019/2023 is still under review and it is hoped this will be completed by the end of the year.

At the beginning of September, the council held its annual Flower and Produce Show; once again this proved to be a great success with entries almost doubled.



The existing Wingerworth Parish Hall which the Parish Council wants to replace

The Chair thanked Coun Colin Berry and all volunteers involved in putting the event together and giving up so much of their time to make the day memorable. Thanks were also given to Anne and Peter Rhodes for sponsoring the Young Gardeners' trophy.

In November, the annual Craft Fair took place. Again this was a great success with an increase in the number of stall-holders. Thanks were given to everyone involved in making the event a success.

The annual Allotment Inspection took place in June, with Coun Dawn Hart and Coun Colin Berry in attendance. The plots remain well maintained and cared for.

The Remembrance Service took place at the Parish Hall on 11th November

and was very well attended. The Chair thanked Coun Cecilia Harper for her support in organising the event and to all councillors who attended on the day to serve refreshments.

Councillors Nick Knyhynckyj and Geoff Ruff had been looking at options to renovate the memorial bench at the church

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lych-gate, however this was beyond saving so the council agreed to purchase a new bench which was installed ready for the Remembrance Day Service.

The council continues to support local events, such as the Family Fun Day, the Scouts Bonfire Event and the Christmas Tree and Carol Concert.

Thanks were given to Peter Rhodes for once again organising the sponsorship of the tree, and to all the sponsors who give so generously.

The council continues to work with the Friends of Wingerworth Park group to seek funding and support fundraising activities to update the play areas in the village.

This year, the council is supporting the 3rd Scout Group with funding towards their trip to Belgium, where they will be visiting war museums and the trenches.

The Rolling Arts programme has run its course, the last exhibition being held in June.

Café Y closed its doors, mainly due to a lack of support. Thanks were offered to Coun Anne Knyhynckj and the small team of volunteers for running the project over the past seven years.

Footpaths

The 42 footpaths in Wingerworth continue to be kept in good order. This is achieved by Mike Sims, David Selkirk and a team of volunteers.

On behalf of the council, the Chair thanked them for all the hard work during the year. David Selkirk has also been busy selling a local walking map which has been very well received.

Thanks were given to Clay Cross Angling Association members for their continued management of the Wall Pond.

Unfortunately, this year both the Wingerworth Cricket Club and the Barley Mow FC folded. Chesterfield Cricket Club 3rd team, which includes a number of locals, is using the pitch, so cricket is continuing on the park. The football club is hoping to reform next season.

The Bowls Club and Tennis Club continue to maintain high standards of their respective facilities, however both require significant maintenance over the coming year.

The council has also been very busy this year keeping grit bins full, following heavy snowfalls.

The Winter Neighbourhood continues to grow, with more volunteers joining this year.

Finally, Coun Ruff thanked fellow council members for their ongoing support and commitment, also to the clerk and all council staff who look after not only the Parish Rooms, but the recreation areas and facilities.



Financial Results for 2017/18

THE Clerk commented on recurrent income received which was £178,952, against a budget of £165,848.

The £13,000-plus surplus was largely due to an increase in lettings after setting a prudent budget in anticipation of the loss of income from the nursery.

The recurrent expenditure stood at £178,460 against a 12-month budget of £176,105, so the total expenditure would be within budget to the tune of about £2,300.

This means an overall surplus for the year of almost £500, against what was predicted to be a £10,000 deficit.

Capital expenditure at the end of the year was £7,387, which included more than £3,000 for new tables at the hall. The remaining £4,000 was spent on minor items, including a memorial bench at the church.

The council has received more than £2,000 towards consultancy fees.

Working within a very tight budget during the year, the capital funds have remained the same.

Membership of Wingerworth Parish Council and attendance records

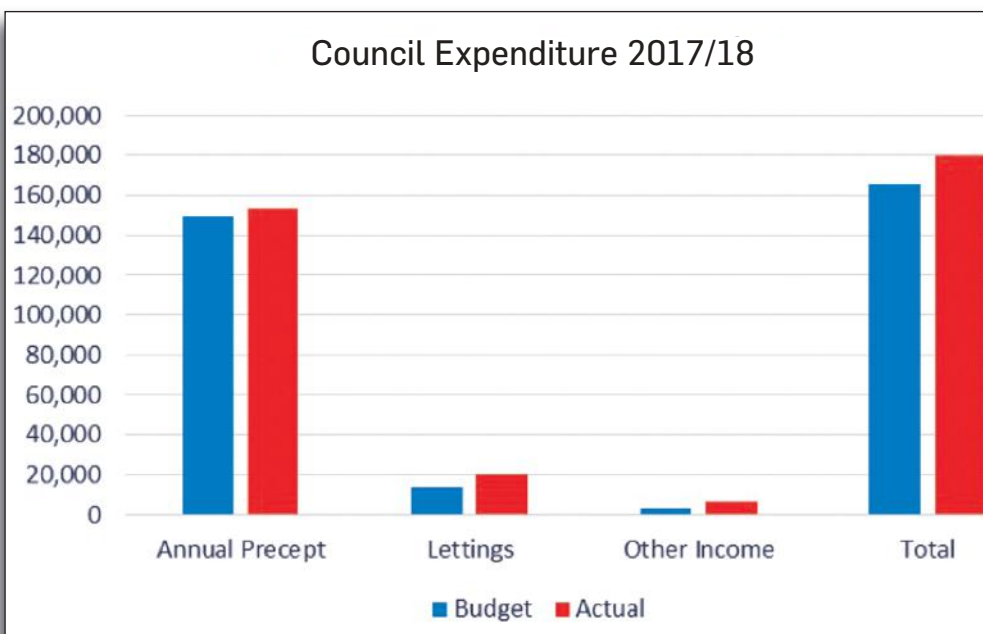
A TOTAL of 11 monthly meetings of the council took place during 2017/18.

The average attendance of members for the year was 85%, which was consistent with the level for the previous year - 87%.

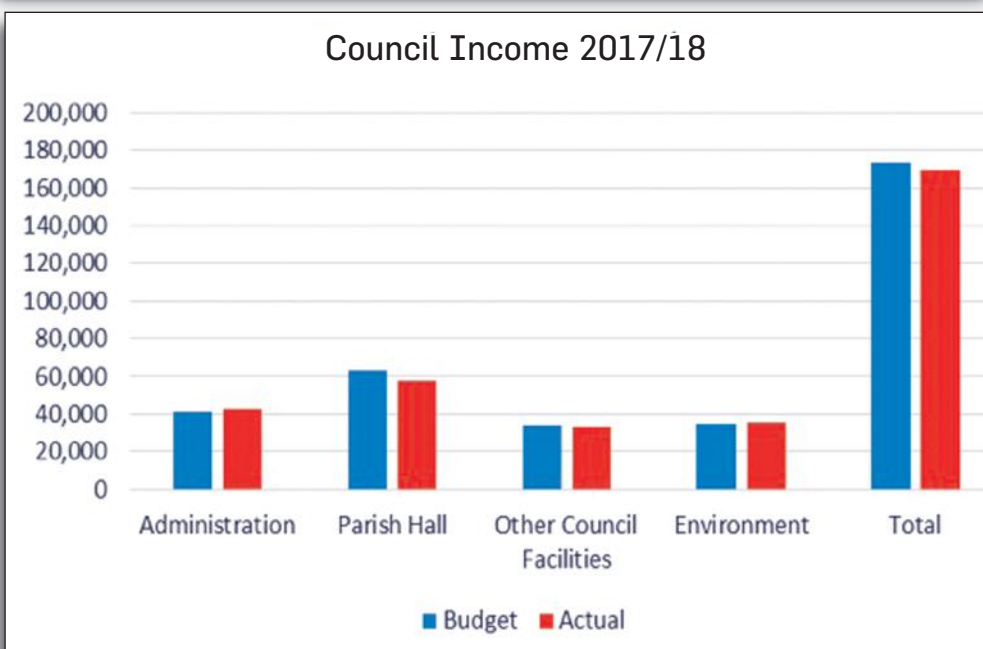
Members' attendance records

- Coun Diana Ruff (Chair)
11 out of 11 - 100%
- Coun Dawn Hart (Vice-Chair)
10 out of 11 - 91%
- Coun Pat Antcliff
9 out of 11 - 82%
- Coun Colin Berry
9 out of 11 - 82%
- Coun Kevin Broughton
10 out of 11 - 91%
- Coun Michael Hardman
11 out of 11 - 100%
- Coun Cecilia Harper
10 out of 11 - 91%
- Coun Chris Hutchings
9 out of 11 - 82%
- Coun Anne Knyhynyckyj
6 out of 11 - 55%
- Coun Nick Knyhynyckyj
9 out of 11 - 82%
- Coun Margaret Millar
8 out of 11 - 73%
- Coun Geoff Ruff (HW)
11 out of 11 - 100%
- Coun Andy Pashley
9 out of 11 - 82%

Council Expenditure 2017/18



Council Income 2017/18



Remembrance Day Ceremony

THE Parish Council's annual Remembrance Day Service at the Parish Hall took place on 11th November when there was an opportunity to pay tribute and think of the many who have given so much in the service of our country.

To mark the centenary of the World War I Armistice, there was a wall of poppies on display with many of them prepared by local residents, and children from Hunloke Primary School, Deer Park Primary School and Wingerworth 3rd Beavers.

Craft Fair success

THE annual craft fair took place on Saturday, 24 November, and was once again a great success. Coun Diana Ruff thanked everyone who participated in the event.

Deer Park works

WORK is almost complete on the Deer Park upgrade where the Friends of Wingerworth Parks are working with members of the Council to prepare the official opening ceremony.

Village Christmas Tree

THE switching on of the lights on the Christmas Tree at the Parish Hall is due to take place at 6.30pm on Friday, 7th December, when the Rector, Rev Jonathan Poston, will bless the tree. There will be music from Ashover Band, accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine. The event is organised by the Community Association.

Thank you to the many local businesses sponsoring this year's tree: Annette & Peter Yeomans; C Edwin Peat & Sons; Arkadia Too; J.E. Nicholson; Botham's Estate Agents; Brettex Site Services Ltd; Leverton UK Ltd; Wings Magazine; Rhodes Group; Greenfrog Computing Ltd; Jo Godfrey; Inovix Network Solutions; Wings Photography; Redbrik Estate Agents; Pollards and The Kerry Family.

Dates for your diary

7th December – Christmas Tree lights switch on at the Parish Hall, 6pm.

2nd January 2019 - Parish Council meeting at the Parish Hall, 7pm.

Wingerworth remembers



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Wingerworth Parish Council



WINGERWORTH Parish Council usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Parish Hall. Meetings commence at 7pm when members of the public are welcome to attend.

A ten-minute session will be held near the start of each meeting for public participation. To contact the Parish Council, telephone Charlotte Taylor, Clerk to the Council, on 07834 390171, or write to her at: 36 Hawksley Avenue, Chesterfield, S40 4TW. You can also email her at wingpc@aol.com

