

EAST HALTON PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNT FOR 2015/16

Members

The Council has 7 members and commenced and finished the year with 7 members. There are two casual vacancies as the full number of members is 9.

The Council spent a few months without a Parish Clerk but at the end of October appointed a new post-holder, Mrs. K. Peers.

The Council maintains a good working relationship with its 3 Ward Cllrs. From North Lincs Council with at least one member attending the majority of the Parish Council meetings.

During the latter part of the year the Parish Council has tried to establish a closer working relationship with members of the local police force but contact has been difficult to establish – although the Parish Council does have the opportunity to be represented on a working group with the Police for North Lincs.

Finance

The Parish Council commenced the year with a balance in its current account of £2,125.97 and then completed the year with a closing balance in the same account of £5,878.14.

In the business reserve account, the year commenced with an opening balance of £16,693.22 and closed the year with a balance of £16,699.36.

During the year, expenditure from the Council's main current account was spent as follows:

Staff costs	£1,010.53
Office Supplies	£325.70
Parks/Green Spaces	£1,422.84
Cemetery	£549.38
Section 137	£95.43
Millennium Green	£764.20
Miscellaneous Admin	£2,236.41
VAT costs	£493.24
Total	£6,912.55

Section 137 expenditure denotes grant aid or any expenditure on community benefit such as the Christmas event etc.

Miscellaneous Administration costs cover such items as subscriptions to the County Association/NALC each year, insurance cover for the Council, procurement of a website and annual hosting fee, a new sign for the village hall on the road and rental for the use of the Hall for the year.

Income was as follows:

Precept/Grant from N Lincs	£4,766.00
Cemetery	£220.00
VAT reclaimed from prev year	£4,991.39
Grant for provision of website	£641.33
Minor other	£46.00
Total	£10,664.72

The Parish Council has had an internal audit for the year and will be subject to the external audit as laid down in legislation. The Parish Council from 2017 will be removed from the current regime and will adhere to changes in the Transparency Code for smaller Councils, for which it qualifies. This will mean the carrying out of an internal audit but then publishing the information on its own dedicated website, which it now has up and running.

General

During the year the Parish Council was represented on the Village Hall Committee and also organised the Tree Lighting and Carols on the Green event. It has been working hard to try and clear fly tipping on Skitter Road and is also consulted on any planning applications which are for East Halton Parish.