

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2007

The last year has been a productive time for the Parish Council and the village in general – but often when working with other agencies the process of achieving things can be incredibly slow and time consuming.

Planning, conservation, policing and affordable housing are all areas that have been high on the topics for debate and decision.

The Parish Council has also had numerous requests either for access across or to purchase land owned by the council.

At long last the process to purchase additional recreational sports land to the north of the present recreation ground (first discussed in 1927) was finally successfully completed. Fences have been erected and the field has had a first cut and the process of getting the power cables put underground is ongoing.

On the subject of success...what a joy to have such a wonderful new village hall...a tremendous asset for the village – congratulations are due to the project working group and the trustees who have worked tirelessly for the community.



The Picnic in the Park music event was held in September – the weather was decidedly chilly but there was a variety of local talent, including the Combertones and several very talented youth bands. (In a few years time when they are famous...Just remember they first played here in Comberton!)

The annual Christmas Lights event took place in December and again was well supported, with over 200 people turning out on a cold frosty evening.

The Village Design Statement planning document has been completed. Thanks are due to the working group and parishioners who attended the consultation events. The Parish Council hoped that it would be adopted as supplementary planning guidance for South Cambridgeshire District Council, but a change in planning legislation has meant that is not going to be a straightforward task.

The Connections youth bus continues to visit on a Tuesday and is well received by the youth of the village.

There have been a few changes on the Parish Council and there will be a few more next week following the uncontested Parish election. Reluctantly Alan



Bailey resigned his position on the council due to ill health. We wish Alan a speedy and continued recovery; Dr Robert Rintoul took his place in October. In January Ann Webb resigned as a councillor due to other commitments and as a result the Parish council co-opted Dr Malcolm Wright onto the council.

As always I am indebted to my fellow councillors and parishioners who serve on committees and working groups, we are all volunteers and many of us have demanding full-time employment. Thanks and appreciation are also due to Gail Stoehr our diligent clerk, who keeps us all in order.

Chris Westgarth - Chairman

Who and what is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council comprises 13 voluntary councillors who serve for a term of 4 years and represent an electorate of 1763.

Mrs Gail Stoehr – Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August with additional Planning Committee meetings being held as necessary. The agenda is displayed on notice board in South Street.

The public are welcome to attend these meetings and a short time is allocated on the agenda for comments and observations from members of the public. The Chairman and other members are available in the village hall to talk with parishioners before the meeting

Each member of the Council either serves on a committee or working group or has an area of responsibility.



The Parish Council has representatives on other bodies outside the Parish Council and Councillors attend meetings on the Council's behalf.

More detailed reports by members on the year's activities may be viewed at www.comberton.org.uk

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2007

2005/2006		2006/2007
	Assets	
65858.26	Nat Savings D&M Account	24899.65
0.00	Lloyds Treasurers (Closed)	0.00
40967.84	Allianz & Leicester	35628.09
0.00	Cash in hand	0.00
106826.10	Outstanding at bank	60527.74
-65.00		2414.58
	Debtors	
2667.07		803.12
730.00	Payments in advance	
3397.07		803.12
1442.07	VAT recoverable	26.25
111600.24	Total Assets	63771.69
-11147.95	Liabilities	-10203.22
0.00	Income in advance	0.00
100452.29	Total Assets less Liabilities	53568.47
0.00	Long term liabilities	0.00
0.00	Provision for doubtful debts	0.00
<u>100452.29</u>	Net Assets	<u>53568.47</u>
85943.63	Balance at 1 April 2006 B/F	100452.29
133533.76	ADD: Total Income	83397.48
-119025.10	DEDUCT: Total Expenditure	-130281.30
<u>100452.29</u>		<u>53568.47</u>

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