



It has been, as usual, a very busy year. As more and more is devolved from District and County down to parish level, a Parish Councillor's role grows ever larger and more time consuming and the issues to resolve ever greater. There are many demands on the Parish Council budget such as grass cutting, recreation ground, play areas, tennis courts, bowls and football pitch maintenance to name just a few. We also maintain the Cemetery and Swifts meeting rooms and library and trees and hedges. Unfortunately Council had to regrettably raise the precept for the first time in 4 years due to increased costs in services and maintenance and to pay for keeping the street lights on overnight taking into account concerns raised by Council and parishioners. Your councillors spend many hours trying to keep Fulbourn a safe and pleasant place to live in and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication over the last year.

Mary Drage, Chair Fulbourn Parish Council

What have we been doing? A very brief summary

Highways – street lights have been a major concern for Council and parishioners. Council had no choice other than to accept a 10% reduction in the number of lights in the Parish but tried hard to keep them where they were most needed. Pot holes and poor pavements have also caused concern and these issues have been addressed with County and Balfour Beatty. Parishioners are urged to report faults online if possible as they are then automatically logged on the County system www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults Grass cutting – or lack of! – has been well below standard this year and Council is taking steps to rectify this. Speeding is still an issue in the village but the Police have made it clear that speeding is not high priority to them. Speedwatch sessions have restarted this year and may do something to alleviate this and encourage drivers to slow down.

Recreation ground – keeping the Recreation Ground and facilities maintained is a major undertaking and the costliest. We are, as always, very grateful to the Clubs and organisations who play on the Recreation Ground and do their bit towards maintenance and costs and thank them. We couldn't do it without you! We were lucky enough to get a grant from Amey Cespa to replace the skateboard equipment and resurface the Skate Park. The Annual Inspection of the children's play equipment has just taken place and the equipment has passed muster. We will look to the future to replace and renew it when we have the necessary funds. Dog fouling on the Recreation Ground is also an issue. It is an offence for owners not to clear up after their dogs and they can be prosecuted if caught.

Planning – several speculative planning applications for land in Fulbourn parish have been made over the last few months and Councillors have had to attend the planning meetings at Cambourne to give reasons for their recommendation which always results in quite a lot of work for those concerned. At the time of going to press, the most contentious application - Teversham Road/Cow Lane, application to build up to 110 houses on the fields by Poor Well – is going to appeal in September and Council is working on the documentation.

New Youth/Scout building – for various reasons the PC will now be looking to site the new building on the land that the old Guide Hut stood on. The land has been cleared and the trees cut back in readiness. Council was delighted to receive a very large donation from a parishioner which has enabled it to bring the project forward.

<u>Income & Expenditure</u>				
INCOME	2014-2015	2015 - 2016	PARISH COUNCILLORS	
Precept	120,000.00	120,000.00		
Agency services – reimbursements	2356.00	2357.00	Mary Drage, Chair	880712
Interest on investments	1505.00	1748.00	Derek Thorn Vice Chair	881309
Cemetery fees	3944.00	7593.00	Dawne Brown	573495
Recreation ground and Pavillion	2658.00	8234.00	Alan Bullen	880729
Miscellaneous and Capital grants	43.00	40259.00	Graham Cone (and District)	07595 361285
106 Receipts	-----	9137.00	Sid Dawson	510307
Swifts	8765.00	9857.00	Robert Lacey	881469
			Tina Lockwood	881713
TOTAL INCOME	139271.00	199185.00	Julian Mair	572181
EXPENDITURE			Robin Newell	880129
Admin inc. Wages and Salaries	20199.00	23842.00	John Rickett	700065
General			Neil Scarr	880517
Grounds and open spaces	16239.00	12874.00	Jackie Sitton	880130
S137 payments	16383.00	15274.00	Dave Smith	881334
			Gill Ward	881757
Swifts	7500.00	7168.00	Trish Newman, Parish Clerk	881042
Cemetery	3795.00	4812.00	District and County Councillor John Williams	880940
Pavilion and Recreation Ground	21632.00	29486.00	COUNCIL CONTACTS The Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Fulbourn Centre and you are welcome to attend and speak if you wish at the beginning of the meeting. The Parish Office is at the Fulbourn Centre and is open to the public on Mon, Wed and Fri from 9.30am-12 noon. The Parish Clerk is Trish Newman and she can be contacted by phone or fax on 01223 881042 or e mail clerk.fpc@btconnect.com	
Loan repayment	31008.00	7754.00		
Capital inc S106 expenditure	11162.00	67076.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	127918.00	168286.00		
Balance sheet at 31 March 2016				
ASSETS	2015	2016		
Bank Accounts	281712.00	297958.00		
Debtors etc	4476.00	3639.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	286188.00	301597.00		
LESS LIABILITIES				
Creditors	24830.00	9340.00		
NET ASSETS	261358.00	292257.00		

* Assets include money set aside for the new Youth and Scout Building