

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF HELLINGLY
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Hellingly Parish Council

Annual Report 2010-11



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Annual report of Hellingly Parish Council

May 2011 marked the end of the four year Council first elected in May 2007. On 5 May this year a new Council was elected to serve for the four years to May 2015. The Council comprises 15 members serving the whole of the Parish. As at previous elections there were insufficient nominations to fill all of the positions and the twelve persons nominated were therefore elected without the need to hold a contested election. Although this is perhaps disappointing for the electoral process with residents appearing not to have had an opportunity to show their support or otherwise for the members of Council, with the amount of new development currently taking place within the Parish it is a situation that is likely to change in the future as more residents become entitled to vote.

At the start of the year the Parish Councillors were Pat Blake, Alan Booth, The Rev. Ronald Chatwin, Yvonne Chatwin, Barby Dashwood-Hall, Steve Davis, Bryan Hesselgrave, Gill Hesselgrave, Halma Hughes, Frankie Lulham, Brian Payne, Elizabeth West, Frances Woolston and myself, with one vacancy. The newly "elected" Council consists of the same members with the exception of Steve Davis and Halma Hughes both of whom have agreed to be co opted to fill two of the current vacancies. This still leaves one position to be filled and any person interested in joining the Council should contact the Clerk.

The work of the Council is shared between Subject Committees covering Allotments; Cemetery; Village Hall; Recreation Grounds; Grounds Maintenance; Environment and Planning; and Finance. All of the Committees have contributed to the running of the Council and the management of the Parish. It is a tribute to the work of those Councillors who have served, as members of the committees particularly the Chairpersons, that the Parish is as it is today. For example this last year saw the replacement of the village hall heating system with the work both being completed on time and within budget.

During the past year as well as commenting on the many planning applications within the Parish, the Council has

responded to the consultation on the Wealden Draft Core Strategy, continued to campaign against the proposals for land raise sites along the A22, supported measures to increase road safety along the A22 by reducing the speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph on the section between Hackhurst Lane and the Boship roundabout, continued to press for the implementation of the traffic calming measures promised as part of the development of the former Hellingly hospital. (With the support of Sussex Police it now looks as though we will achieve a 40 mph speed limit on New Road from a point east of the present houses to the junction with Park Road, and on Park Road from the Junction with the A271 to a point just North of Mill Lane in addition to achieving a 20 mph limit through the centre of the "village" around the Church and 30 mph along most of the approach roads including the whole of Station Road. We are also promised that the priority on the bridge in Church Road between the Village Hall and the Church is to be reversed).

With the new development of the Hospital site it is important that the Parish should embrace the new Roebuck Park properties and their residents as part of the Parish rather than allowing the area to become a

separate and self contained community. To this end the Council will in the coming year be taking the initiative to establish lasting contacts with the new residents with a view to setting up permanent links to existing organisations within the Parish and, if possible, encouraging some of the new residents to join us on the Council when the opportunity arises.

It is inevitable that the work of the Council will become greater and more challenging in the future with

the growth of the Parish and the new community facilities that comes with it (a new community hall, more child and adult play areas including a cricket pitch, a sports pavilion and community park)
the extension of the powers given to Parish Town Councils through the Power of Wellbeing and the new Localism Bill, and
the possibility of declaring neighbourhood planning zones.

However I believe that this should be welcomed and that the Council should consider using its extended powers, so far as is allowed, to ensure the full integration of the new houses within the Parish. The new facilities will add greatly to those already within the Parish and should greatly benefit all residents, both existing and new. The Council should seek to maximize their use and availability to all, at the same time ensuring that they are used to offset any shortfalls in current facilities within the Parish.

It is important to ensure that the Parish gets the facilities that were considered necessary and that were promised as a condition of the granting of planning consent for the new housing. Whether that be new school and nursery places, improved health-care and library facilities, transport links, these should be delivered and not written off by those who do not live in the parish and developers whose objective is to maximize their own profits. In the current economic climate money for infrastructure is unlikely to be forthcoming from any government sources. Developers should therefore either provide or fund the infrastructure that was identified to make the planned additional housing acceptable.

In this brief overview of Parish activities and plans, I have undoubtedly omitted to refer to a wide variety of matters that will have affected some, or all parishioners, in various ways. The work of the Parish Council is recorded in the Council Minutes, which are available for inspection by parishioners at any time or by accessing the Council's Website www.hellingly-pc.org.uk. In addition, the Council meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall (except August) and all are welcome to attend and ask questions of the Council on any matters of concern.

Finally, as on previous occasions, I will conclude my remarks by thanking once again all those who have served as Parish Councillors and by extending the Council's special thanks to my fellow District Councillor, John Blake, who with me was re elected to serve as a District Councillor for the next four years, and our County Councillor, Nick Bennett for all of their efforts on our behalf.

D G White
Chairman
11th May 2011

Hellingly PC 2010-11 Year end		
Summary Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st March 2011		
1st Year Ended 1st March 2010		Current Year Ended 31st March 2011
	Operating Income	
30,954.79	Administration	36,877.84
1,235.00	Civic and Democratic	1,150.00
290.00	Street Lighting	310.00
2,000.00	Grants (Incl S137)	2,500.00
11,117.50	Village Hall	12,156.10
7,947.00	Cemetery	14,699.00
7,680.00	Cemetery Lodge	7,680.00
2,161.55	Allotments	2,170.50
11,600.00	Lower Horsebridge Rec'n Grd	10,711.50
525.00	Lower Dicker Recreation Grd	425.50
950.00	Other Open Spaces	1,250.00
275.00	Planning	296.50
2,258.30	VAT Data	0.00
	Total Receipts	90,228.94
78,994.14		
	Running Costs	
29,623.25	Administration	31,304.61
280.96	Civic and Democratic	330.13
180.33	Street Lighting	455.24
2,250.00	Grants (Incl S137)	3,130.00
0.00	Capital & Projects	11,870.81
10,134.43	Village Hall	10,036.44
8,569.79	Cemetery	11,794.85
874.00	Cemetery Lodge	813.00
3,466.53	Allotments	905.47
21,449.46	Lower Horsebridge Rec'n Grd	4,735.92
412.00	Lower Dicker Recreation Grd	105.99
1,743.35	Other Open Spaces	1,201.80
0.00	Grounds Maintenance	0.00
250.00	Planning	69.61
4,208.45	VAT Data	4,377.06
	Total Payments	81,130.93
83,442.55		
	Receipts and Payments Summary	
84222.75	Opening Balance	79774.34
78,994.14	Add Total Receipts(As Above)	90,228.94
163,216.89		170,003.28
83,442.55	Less Total Payments(As Above)	81,130.93
79,774.34	Closing Balance	88,872.35