



ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018



**LOCAL COUNCIL
AWARD SCHEME
FOUNDATION**

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Parish Clerk

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Chairman's Report 2017/18

As my year as Chairman comes to an end it's had its up's and down's.

I was elected as Chairman in May 2017 after my predecessor Debbie Constable decided to stand down after 7 years in the chair. My first function was to attend the "Wild Woods Day" in Hockley. A pleasant day with many people taking interest in our stall. I also saw many people I knew and some whom I hadn't seen for a while. This was followed by the Ashingdon School Academy fete, and again many interested people coming to our stall, but a very windy day. I was invited to the District Chairman's Garden Party. Met some dignitary's and some old friends from various parishes and some new ones. I attended the Citizens Advice Bureau's AGM, a good evening. I also attended Wyvern Community Transport's AGM where many topics were discussed.

We held our annual skate park in August, we extended it by one day as it seems popular by the children who seemed to enjoy themselves. I also attended the annual Remembrance service in the Memorial Hall where I laid a wreath on behalf of the parish. We held our annual Christmas Buffet in December. The weather was not very good which we think accounted for the low attendance. We held a raffle for Myeloma Cancer Research and raised £76.50. I managed to attend the King Edmund school carol service, very entertaining mixing new with traditional carols.

On the 26th January I attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at the Mill in Rayleigh. Leslie Kleinsman gave a very interesting story of his life as an intern in the camps.

We co-opted 1 new councillor, unfortunately Robyn had to resign for personal reasons. We wish to thank Robyn for her contribution and wish her well. We have 2 vacancies on the council, so if you feel you can help the community by becoming a councillor please contact our parish clerk.

We gave grants this year to Ashingdon Free Church, St Andrews Church Ashingdon, Kaos and Old Peoples Welfare Committee.

The wooden lectern displaying "The Battle of Assundun" sited in St Andrews churchyard was damaged. We are in the process of re-erecting the Lectern.

We advertised for volunteers to join a working party for the skate park. Unfortunately only 2 responded and so we are putting this on hold. If you would like to volunteer for the project then please contact our parish clerk for more information. The extension to the play area in King George's field and the feasibility for reopening the toilets are still on-going. We are also in the process of refurbishing the teen shelter.

I would like to thank Kelly and Alan for their hard work and for the Councillors for their time and hard work during the year.

Cllr Terry Flowers

Year Ended 31st March 2018

Operating Income

Administration	71,446.73
Recreation	1,076.50
Grants and Donations	0.00
VAT Data	3,140.49

Total Receipts	75,663.72
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Running Costs

Administration	28,578.93
Open Spaces	7,386.26
Street Lighting	9,797.82
Recreation	3,245.00
Crime Prevention	553.00
Grants and Donations	1,376.50
VAT Data	4,252.71

Total Payments	55,190.22
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Receipts and Payments Summary

Opening Balance	53,350.36
Add total receipts (as above)	<u>75,663.72</u>
	129,014.08

Less total payments (as above)	55,190.22
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Closing Balance	<u>73,823.86</u>
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These cumulative funds are represented by:

Co-Operative Bank A/c	52,640.91
Co-Operative Business Select	21,182.95
Cash Book Suspense	0.00

73,823.86