



ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019



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AWARD SCHEME
FOUNDATION**

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Chairman's Report 2018/19

Another year comes to an end, and as my predecessor always said "where did that year go". It's been another up and down year, with our biggest downer, being when our clerk Kelly Holland, decided to leave after 8 years. We thank Kelly for all her hard work and wish her well in her new job. We have found a replacement Karen Boyce and we welcome her to the council. We would also like to welcome our new Parish Priest the, Reverend Ernest Guest. I had the privilege of going to his investiture.

My year started with the District Chairman's Garden Party a nice warm day saw some of the local parish Chairman and other dignitaries.

We had a stall at the Wild Woods Day, many people were interested in our stall, as we had on display a picture of the extension of the play area in King Georges field (more about that later), some knew about it, others who didn't were very interested, but all went away very impressed.

Went to a couple of flood forum meetings as they were going to talk about the flooding at the zebra crossing. The outcome was "they are looking into it".

Again we held our annual skate park event which the children still enjoy. We have started a working party group for a permanent skate park, if you're interested in joining the work group call our parish clerk for information.

Went to a meeting call Discover 2020 about events in the district going on in 2020 including Ashingdon Church, more meetings are being held throughout the year.

We planted a tree in King George's playing field for our late councillor Norman Drayton-Thomas who passed away in 2017. Family, friends and councillors past and present attended. We also put a plaque into the ground helped by Norman's son Kevin.

Attended the annual Remembrance Service in the Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. It was particularly poignant, as it was the ending of hostilities of World War I.

We held our annual Christmas Buffet, it was very well attended this year, apart from the Ashingdon Primary Academy School choir attending, children from the Pre-school made some table decorations. There was quite a few entrants, the top three were judged by the public, in the hall, but all the children received a small gift for their effort. Other prizes were given to Ashingdon Primary Academy School for the painting of Christmas and to top it all we had the local fire engine attend, enjoyed by everyone. Our raffle at the buffet raised £119, which went to help towards a new mini-bus for the people's welfare committee.

I again attended the Holocaust International Remembrance Day in Rayleigh. Leslie Kleinsman gave a talk as well as an interesting talk from the pupils from Sweyne Park School.

I attended the AGM's of EALC, RRAVS and Wyvern. Attended RRAVS Carole service and the Rochford Civic service.

We lost two councillors from the council Steve Williamson and Darren Parsons, we thank them for their contribution and wish them well. We did however recruit two new councillors Roy Martin and Patricia Hennessy, we welcome them both to the council.

We still have three vacancies on the council so if you think you can help the community by becoming a councillor please contact our parish clerk for details.

Chairman's Report 2018/19 Continued:-

Highlight of the year happened in King George's playing field when we managed somehow to collect together a vast amount of money so we could extend the play area and get some new equipment for the children to play on.

We would like to thank Essex County Council, Rochford District Council, Ashingdon Parish Council and to everyone who pledged money for our Crowdfunding. Thank you. Photograph's were taken and shown in the Evening Echo.

Finally thanks to Kelly, Karen and Alan for their help and to all the councillors for their help and attending outside committees.

Cllr Terry Flowers

Year Ended 31st March 2019

Operating Income

Administration	87,472.79
Recreation	52,558.75
Grants and Donations	0.00
VAT Data	6,206.52
Total Receipts	<u>146,238.06</u>

Running Costs

Administration	29,677.74
Open Spaces	14,609.43
Street Lighting	11,593.62
Recreation	56,531.04
Crime Prevention	0.00
Grants and Donations	1,548.25
VAT Data	16,537.77
Total Payments	<u>130,497.85</u>

Receipts and Payments Summary

Opening Balance	73,833.86
Add total receipts (as above)	146,238.06
	220,071.92
Less total payments (as above)	130,682.45
Closing Balance	<u>89,389.47</u>

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Metro Bank A/c	68,151.73
Metro Business Select	21,237.74
Cash Book Suspense	0.00
	89,389.47

