



ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022



**LOCAL COUNCIL
AWARD SCHEME
FOUNDATION**

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Chairman's Report 2021/22

I cannot believe that it is a year since I was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council the year has flown by. The role is both challenging and enjoyable and as they say time flies when you are enjoying yourself. We still have to live with the dreaded Covid-19 although it is slowly becoming a bad memory and life is slowly returning to normal. The Council has returned to holding face-to-face meetings at last but I have to say our Zoom meetings were very successful and the business of the Council continued unabated although sadly we had to cancel the Christmas Buffet for a second year. This will return in 2022 all things being well.

So what has your council been working on during the past year? Ashingdon Parish Council has never had its own offices for residents to visit, well at last that is changing we have negotiated a lease with Rochford District Council to convert the old changing rooms in King George's Playing Fields (Ashingdon Memorial Park) into our Parish Rooms and work is underway and should finish towards the Autumn of this year. Alongside this will be new public toilets for the use of residents visiting the park which has been long overdue.

The council has also opened up a fresh dialogue with the new board of trustees of the Ashingdon Memorial Hall and it is hoped that this will help with both parties starting to work together for the good of the village hall which has been rather neglected in recent years, and I am pleased to report that our first initiative together was the installation of a defibrillator within the entrance porch of the hall, a really useful facility for the parish and users of the park.

We are continuing with our programme of replacing many of our street lights with LED units which are far more efficient and greener than the old lights. This has commenced with the lights in Greensward Lane and will continue throughout the Parish. We are also looking at replacing some of the trees around the Parish which have died or been vandalised and as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration we also hope to install some extra seating within the infants play area at the Memorial Park.

As is our duty the council looked hard at expenditure during the past year when setting the Precept for 2022/2023 and the increase was kept to £4.49 per year for a Band D property. So despite the challenges that we faced it is felt that the council has performed well.

I would like to pass on my thanks to the 1st Ashingdon Scout Group for once again organising the slightly different Remembrance Day ceremony, it all went very smoothly. And finally many thanks to our Clerk Karen Boyce for insuring the smooth running of the Council business and my fellow councillors for their hard work and support during my first year. Sadly we still have two vacancies on the Council so if you feel that you could spare some time and skills for your local community our Clerk would be very pleased to hear from you.

Cllr. David Catchpole.

Chairman Ashingdon Parish Council

Year Ended 31st March 2022

Operating Income

Administration	104,634.12
Grants and Donations	-808.40
VAT Data	5536.93

Total Receipts	<u>109,362.65</u>
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Running Costs

Administration	33,293.02
Open Spaces	4405.33
Street Lighting	11,433.52
Recreation	104.09
Social Inclusion	1360.38
Health & Wellbeing	332.20
Grants and Donations	2020.00
VAT Data	4513.57

Total Payments	<u>57,462.11</u>
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Receipts and Payments Summary

Opening Balance	170,239.16
Add total receipts (as above)	109,362.65
	279,601.81
Less total payments (as above)	57,462.11

Closing Balance	<u>222,139.70</u>
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These cumulative funds are represented by:

Metro Bank A/c	0.00
Metro Business Select	0.00
Barclays Community Account	200,823.68
Barclays Savings Account	21,316.02
Cash Book Suspense	0.00
	<u>222,139.70</u>

