

## **Hunton Parish Council**

### **Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

This was the fourth year of the four-year term of the Council. At the Annual Meeting in May 2007 the Council re-elected Mr Roger Sawtell as Chairman. Hunton Parish Councillors have all undertaken to act in accordance with a Code of Conduct based on a national model and there have been no complaints to the Standards Board about their individual or collective activities.

Following the departure of Lorraine Redfarn last year, Mr David Heaton was co-opted on to the Council in February.

Extracts of Minutes of meetings are reported in the Hunton Herald and on the website. The Council also has a Publication Scheme required under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, whereby copies of particular Council documentation are available upon request.

The following are brief comments on some Council activities:-

The Council was mainly financed in two ways. Firstly, a precept of £7,500 was raised on local householders, collected with the Council Tax. Then, the Borough Council provided a general allowance of £5,174 to assist with such matters as maintenance of Open Spaces, Street lighting and Street Cleansing. The first draft of the figures for 2007/08 is given overleaf. Copies of audited Annual Returns are available under the Publication Scheme.

There was no major expenditure during the year to report. The Council contributed towards the utilities costs for the Cricket Ground and also assisted the Bowls Club and Parish Hall with a contribution towards the insurance costs.

During the year the Council was consulted on about thirty planning applications. The Council meets regularly to consider new planning applications and details of these meetings can be found on the notice boards or by contacting the clerk. In considering its views on planning applications, the Council continues to put forward recommendations that it feels best represent the interests of local parishioners, but the Borough Council does not always agree with us!

The Council meets bi-monthly at the Parish Hall usually on the second Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November and parishioners are welcome to attend. Parishioners are given an opportunity to raise matters at the start of every meeting. Councillors or the Clerk can be contacted direct when more urgent issues arise. Their contact details appear on the village notice boards, in the Hunton Herald and on the website at [www.hunton.org.uk](http://www.hunton.org.uk).