

Hunton Parish Council

Report for the year to 31st March 2009

This was the first year of the four-year term of the Council. At the Annual Meeting in May 2008 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 David St John last year, Mr Ron Porter was co-opted on to the Council in September.

Extracts of Minutes of meetings are reported in the Hunton Herald and can be viewed in full on the website at www.hunton.org.uk. 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 £9,500 was raised on local householders, collected with the Council Tax. This amounted to £29.78 for a Band "D" property. Then, the Borough Council provided a general allowance of £5,270 to assist with such matters as maintenance of Open Spaces, Streetlighting and Street Cleansing. The first draft of the figures for 2008/09 is given overleaf. Copies of audited Annual Returns are available under the Publication Scheme.

The majority of the Council's expenditure was for the maintenance of the Playing Field and the Council also assisted the Bowls Club and Parish Hall with a contribution towards the insurance costs.

During the year the Council was consulted on around twenty-five planning applications. The Council meets regularly to consider new planning applications and details of these meetings can be found on the noticeboards and website 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 noticeboards, in the Hunton Herald and on the website at www.hunton.org.uk.

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DRAFT Summary of Receipts and Payments
2008/2009

The Receipts and Payments Account summarises the incomings and outgoings for the Council during the course of the financial year and also shows the comparative figures for 2007/08

2007/08	RECEIPTS	2008/09
£		£
7,500	Parish Precept	9,500
5,174	MBC Concurrent Functions	5,270
---	Inland Revenue - Online Reporting Grant	100
---	Grants received	
---	MBC Devolved Budget Grants	1,245
---	KCC Grant	500
9	Wayleaves/Licences	9
47	Bank Interest	21
111	Other	3,064
---	VAT - Reimbursement Received from HMRC	621
12,841	TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,330
2007/08	PAYMENTS	2008/09
£		£
	General Administration	
	Running Expenses	
21	Advertising	---
---	Chairman's Allowance	---
250	Clerk's Office Allowance	600
64	Clerk's Travel Expenses	123
---	Data Protection Fee	35
250	Petty Cash	---
---	Postages	94
190	Stationery & Office Expenses	189
62	Subscriptions	477
79	Telephone	10
916	Running Expenses Total	1,528
3,436	Salaries	3,750
210	Audit Fees	210
2,291	Insurance	2,178
6,061	Concurrent Functions	
---	Recreation Ground/Open Spaces	6,239
---	Village Hall	1,838
---	Other	1,181
13	Street Lighting	26
---	Donations	---
---	Training	180
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---	Contingencies	38
---	VAT - on payments (to be reimbursed)	920
12,977	TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,089

14th May 2009