

## **Hunton Parish Council**

### **Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

This was the second year of the four-year term of the Council. At the Annual Meeting in May 2009 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.

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](http://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 £13,500 was raised on local householders, collected with the Council Tax. This amounted to £42.56 for a Band "D" property. Then, the Borough Council provided a general allowance of £5,360 to assist with such matters as maintenance of Open Spaces, Streetlighting and Street Cleansing. The figures for 2009/10 are given overleaf. Copies of audited Annual Returns are available under the Publication Scheme.

The majority of the Council's expenditure was for a donation to the King George's Field Management Committee for the maintenance of the Playing Field and the Council also assisted the Parish Hall with a contribution towards the insurance costs.

During the last year the Council has been actively pursuing the installation of the footpath from the Village Hall to Benstead Close and, while slow, progress is being made towards this goal. Permission has now been obtained from the two landowners for a permissive path inside the hedge adjacent to West Street and the Council is continuing to push the project forward.

During the year the Council was consulted on around thirty-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](http://www.hunton.org.uk).

## HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Summary of Receipts and Payments 2009/10

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 2008/09

<b>2008/09</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2009/10</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
9,500	Parish Precept	13,500
5,270	MBC Concurrent Functions	5,360
100	Inland Revenue - Online Reporting Grant	75
	Grants received	
1,245	MBC Devolved Budget Grants	500
500	KCC Grant	1,000
9	Wayleaves/Licences	9
21	Bank Interest	1
3,064	Other	0
621	VAT - Reimbursement Received from HMRC	0
<u>20,330</u>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>20,445</u>
<b>2008/09</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>£</b>		
	General Administration	
	Running Expenses	
---	Chairman's Allowance	---
600	Clerk's Office Allowance	600
123	Clerk's Travel Expenses	100
35	Data Protection Fee	35
94	Postages	83
189	Stationery & Office Expenses	308
477	Subscriptions	338
10	Telephone	8
<u>1,528</u>	Running Expenses Total	<u>1,472</u>
3,750	Salaries	4,283
210	Audit Fees	195
2,178	Insurance	2,292
	Concurrent Functions	
6,239	Recreation Ground/Open Spaces	6,543
1,838	Village Hall	1,800
1,181	Other	0
26	Street Lighting	187
---	Donations	650
180	Training	140
38	Contingencies	0
<u>920</u>	VAT - on payments (to be reimbursed)	<u>470</u>
<u>18,089</u>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>18,032</u>