



DULLINGHAM Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Chairman's Report

Chairman's Summary May 2021

Well I can only open by saying what a year this has been for everyone.

We have found ourselves in virtually permanent lockdown, everyone across the country and in fact the world has had to adapt to a completely unknown situation and what a great job (generally) everyone has done.

Our Parish has been fantastic, the support offered to all, neighbours looking out for each other including the elderly and those living on their own had been amazing and as a small community we can all be proud of the part we have played.

The Parish Council has continued to be very active throughout on a number of projects as well as the usual day to day items that need to be covered.

Like many households we have been able to get jobs done that required the extra time, be that internally in the council or throughout the village.

Many areas have been cleared, tidied up, cut back, painted and our thanks to all the volunteers who have helped, the great job cutting back all the paths is one that has to be mentioned.

New play equipment has been installed for the smaller members of the community and beyond as well as repairs to and maintenance of the playpark equipment and fencing.

Various wildlife items have been covered, with new bird and bat boxes going up throughout the village for example.

Unfortunately due to C19 and its recent damage the pavilion on the sports field has been closed, and we have plans in place to do some refurbishment work on this in coming weeks. We are also looking at the long term future of this and what the village needs going forward, be that a larger refurbishment or maybe a new pavilion if funding can be secured.

Also nearing completion is the requirement to have new efficient street lights installed throughout the village. This has been a long term item due to cost, but with money put aside and quotes in we can now move forward to get this item actioned and completed. The Parish owns some 41 street lights in the village, so as you can imagine this is not a small task.

Planning applications still come in. Some that we had no objections to, some we did which got through the planning department any way.

Our thanks go to all that completed and returned the recent survey on planning throughout the village, your comments are key for us to understand what 'you' want and feel is appropriate. It was clear from this that the policy on small infill development is generally acceptable (subject to



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all usual criteria). However, it was also very clear that people live here due its small size, rural location and picturesque nature. As a result some 99% of the opinions expressed said any large developments (25+) were unacceptable for the village, its infrastructure and amenities.

Speeding remains an issue throughout the village, a problem that is a mix of through traffic on the main artery as well as cut through traffic on Balsham Lane and Eagle Lane for instance. A huge majority unfortunately have little respect for local residents living in these areas.

The issue of local people from the village and close neighbours also remains as a large percentage of the speeding vehicles, with it seems many people's perception of their speed, what the speedo says and what the conditions/environment and general courtesy require often being poles apart.

Lock down has reduced traffic, but with only days gone since the recent lifting, concrete footed drivers are stepping on their accelerators.

The Parish Council are also working on new footpath leaflets and signs to go up with map of our excellent footpaths around and through the village, these have clearly been a great resource for everyone out and about on foot during lockdown and long may that continue.

Unfortunately we have been getting reports directly and from local landowners that people are not sticking to designated footpaths, dogs are running loose through crops and across fields and near horses. Please stick to the footpaths, they are clearly signed, keep your dog under close control and do not make up your own route.

Landowners are frustrated as it damages crops, it damages various ecology and environmental items that are set up and you would not see. Damages wildlife environments and routes and we have seen a marked drop in wildlife in some areas as a direct result. These are also working farms as a result these can be dangerous places and are peoples lively hoods and this is private land.

Just because there is no sign, does not mean it can be walked over. Follow and stick to the footpath signs please and remember if it poops to scoop anywhere in the village.

Spending is a major item for the PC and we have a number of costs that are the requirement of the PC to cover. Again this year the PC budget has been well maintained and evenly distributed on tasks and we have also budgeted for upcoming large expenses what will soon come onto the PC.

Items such as street light and pavilion have already been mentioned above.

Flooding and drainage is and has been for many years an issue in the village, not least with potential developments highlighting this still further. The PC continues to work on this item and lobby the required service providers like Anglian Water and others like Highways.

Dullingham is a lovely village to reside in, we all know that and despite the challenges I hope that the village and its character are preserved going forward as it should be. This is clearly under threat.



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Dullingham is a small rural village, with excellent assets the biggest one being the people! If you can spare any time to be involved in any small or large way with the village, please do let us know so we can cover many more items and improve Dullingham further.

On that front and on behalf of the whole Parish Council may I thank all those that have supported us during the last year, the work put in behind the scenes is large as well as the visible items around the village.

Cary Simpson

Chair Dullingham Parish Council

All public meetings are obviously currently suspended.
However, should you wish to contact the Council please see details below:

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Year End Accounts

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to discuss or require further information relating to these accounts.

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2021

Cash in Hand 01/04/2020			40,580.42
ADD			
Receipts 01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021			26,697.49
			67,277.91
SUBTRACT			
Payments 01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021			23,119.06
Cash in Hand 31/03/2021			44,158.85
(per Cash Book)			
Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
Petty Cash	31/03/2021	0.00	
Cambridge Building Society	31/03/2021	17,039.92	
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	31/03/2021	27,118.93	
			44,158.85
Less unrepresented payments			0.00
			44,158.85
Plus unrepresented receipts			0.00
Adjusted Bank Balance			44,158.85