



Dullingham Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Chairman's Summary May 2022

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

Maintenance of the playpark equipment and fencing is an ongoing task as it reaches a 'certain age'. The main item we had fail was a Zip line post which has rotted through underground and stopped the new wire installation. After sterling work this and in the end all the legs were replaced and the new cable was then installed.

As with many years various wildlife items have been covered and planting in the coming year will be a focus. The pond has been a key area to look at and plan for both in the short and long term. Identifying what works need to be carried out from basic cut back, through fallen trees and items in the pond as well as the overhanging trees and some works have started.

We may need to consider dredging the pond again, it has been many, many years since it was last carried out. Key to that was and will be getting expert advice on wildlife in and around this.

The Sports pavilion is the main focus for the PC now and after a lot of years it needs a full refurbishment and update.

This is a long term project, however the PC secured funding help and have had the roof fully redone as the key starting point. We have since then sought more funding and have been successful in securing funds which have allowed further work to be done on electrics, ceilings, and other items.

A key factor to success of any grant is usage and whilst we look at and plan for a wide amount of use, we have had a boost with Newmarket Cricket Club relocating to Dullingham and making this their home for many years to come.

With the Cricket and football usage growing we can continue to progress in all areas. It is a great location and with the pavilion being usable I am sure we will attract many other users looking for a location and facility Dullingham can provide.

The NCC since coming to Dullingham have done a great amount of work on the ground and helped with both funding and physical labour on getting jobs done. It has been a great example of the PC and a group like NCC working together.

I certainly look forward to seeing some great cricket this season and beyond.

Planning applications still come in. Some that we had no objections to, some we did.

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.

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.

We have had some unexpected spending which means the coming year will have to be closely controlled and with the rising costs we all face this puts further stress on the PC accounts.

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.

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 seen around the village.

One final note, please do get involved where ever possible in the village, however small that contribution may be it helps us keep the village maintained, keeps costs down but we cannot do it all. So please get in touch and be part of your village!

Cary Simpson

Chair Dullingham Parish Council

WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Dullingham Parish Council has 7 unpaid Councillors representing an electorate of 599. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for the Sports Pavilion, some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, bus stops and some street lighting) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children's play area, the Village Green and Village Pond.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village where ever possible.

Dullingham Parish Council Year End Accounts

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2023

Cash in Hand 01/04/2022	40,719.31
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ADD

Receipts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023	50,443.11
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	91,162.42
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MINUS

Payments 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023	52,717.61
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Cash in Hand 31/03/2023

	38,444.75
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(per Cash Book)

Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Petty Cash	31/03/2023	0.00
Cambridge Building Society	31/03/2023	17,146.60
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	31/03/2023	21,298.15

	38,444.75
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Less unrepresented payments	0
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	38444.75
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Plus unrepresented receipts	0
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Adjusted Bank Balance

	38444.75
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YOUR CURRENT PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

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