



Dullingham Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Another year has gone by and we seem to be seeing Covid figures drop and life returning to a more normal state, even holidays abroad being taken.

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.

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. The main item we have is a failed Zip line post which has rotted through underground and stopped the new wire installation. After sterling work it looks like the PC will soon have all the legs on the Zip wire replaced and the new cable can then be installed.

Various wildlife items have been covered, trees cleared where required and new trees are being looked into to replace and increase the number around the village in suitable locations. The Sports pavilion is the main focus for the PC now and after many years it needs a full refurbishment and update.

We are also looking at the long term future of this and we have recently been awarded a grant that will go some way to getting the roof fully done, we still need some more money to get this actioned. Following this the wider works can be looked at and planned.

The PC are really looking for a team to help support the works, look into grants and so forth, so please do contact any PC member if you can be involved in any small way,

This year has seen the completion of the new efficient street lights installed throughout the village.

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

The large development in the centre of the village came back for further action as the date for the owner to address the Reserved Matters came up. The PC believed they were not addressed correctly or in full and as such the planning should be thrown out. We therefore sought expert legal advice in this area and put in objection to the planning department. This

you can see on the planning web site. Given the local housing need is now met, along with the failure of the owner to meet the requirements we hope the planning department will make the correct decision.

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.

As with previous reports on this subject, local people from Dullingham and our close neighbours, remain a very large percentage of the speeding vehicles. It seems many people's perception of their speed, what the speedo says, what the conditions/environment are and having general courtesy for people living in these areas often being poles apart.

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. 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.

Finally we have now done some work on the old phone box at the bottom of Eagle Lane and it has map, contact information and is a small library to exchange books

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 726. 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.

Dullingham Parish Council Year End Accounts

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2022

Cash in Hand 01/04/2021		44,158.85
ADD		
Receipts 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022		32,703.50
		76,862.35
SUBTRACT		
Payments 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022		36,143.04
Cash in Hand 31/03/2022		40,719.31
(per Cash Book)		
Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
Petty Cash	31/03/2022	0.00
Cambridge Building Society	31/03/2022	17,056.96
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	31/03/2022	23,662.35
		40,719.31
Less unrepresented payments		
		40,719.31
Plus unrepresented receipts		
Adjusted Bank Balance		40,719.31

YOUR CURRENT PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

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Although we do not have any Parish Councillor vacancies at present, we always welcome those that would like to see what a Councillor actually does before just jumping in when a vacancy arises. You could assist and offer opinions on your thoughts for the village without the responsibility. Your help would be gratefully received.

As of April 2022, we have no Parish Councillor vacancies.

To contact the Parish Council

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