

Notton Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Council –Wednesday 6th May 2021

Clerks Report 2020/21

This year has been a very strange year indeed. The last face to face meeting of the Parish Council was March 2020. Meetings resumed remotely via zoom.

Face to face meeting will start in June with the Parish Council returning to the Village Hall.

The Parish Council supported deliveries of food parcels from the shop during the COVID pandemic, supporting residents that could not get to the shops to buy essentials due to shielding.

The council has met 11 of the 12 months of the year all remotely, the parish council did not have meeting in August. There was no annual meeting last year and all Councillor remained in their positions.

Parish Councillors in this year were: -

Chair Cllr- Taylor

Vice Chair- Cllr Jaggar

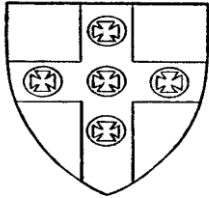
Cllr Hicks

Cllr Callaghan

Cllr Eames

The council's business over the year has included working within the COVID guidelines asset out at the Government: -

	Action 2020/21
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Speeding throughout the Parish	The Parish Council has been working with Safe scheme officers to target speeding through the Parish
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fly tipping	Fly tipping is still an issue in the Parish in certain areas. The Notton Forum has enabled residents to inform and report to Wakefield Council, the areas where the fly tipping has taken place.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planting on the green	The Parish Council has been considering the planting of shrubs and trees on the green over the last year. A budget has now been agreed with onsite meeting to establish the best way to beautify the green
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hanging Baskets	The Parish Council has been investigating the possibility of sponsored hanging baskets in the Parish. It was advertised in the newsletter and a great response has been received. With a current number of baskets at 20. These will be seen all over the Parish in June and will hopefully be an annual event.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement in signage on the green 	The Parish Council raised concerns to the shop about the different signage on the corner of the green. A new sign is now in place funded by the Parish Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Trees 	The Parish Council wishes to thank the Village Hall Committee for their continued support by donating the Christmas tree again this year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 	The quarterly Parish newsletter continues to be a success. This would not happen without an army of volunteers that put the newsletter together and distributed to all houses in the Parish. Many thanks

District Councillors

The Parish Council has been supported by the District Councillors Cummings, Heptinstall and Manfield, who as always have worked hard to deal with concerns within the Parish.

Safe scheme

The safe scheme has targeted areas of concerns by residents such as speeding and patrols in the Parish. We have continued to receive reports throughout the year.

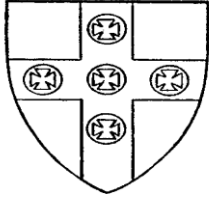
The Parish Council raised concern about cut in the Matrix operation in rural areas, this would include off road bikes dealing with illegal motor vehicles and the ability to reach areas that are difficult by car.

Finance

The precept was approved at £9,000 for the year.

The year end figures for 2020/21

Year		2020/19		2020/21	
Balance Brought FD		15,381		7,592	
Precept		8,000		9,000	
Other Income		601		1,572	
Staff Costs		3015		3,354	
Loan payments		0		0	
All other payments		13,375		7,987	
Balances carried forward		7,592		6,823	
Bank Reconciliation	2020-2021				
Balance B/F	7,592				



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Income	10,572				
Expenditure	11,341				
Yearend Balance	6,823				

Allotments

All the tenants have paid their rents for the year; inspections have taken place to ensure that the tenants are cultivating the land. Actions from these will be discussed at the May meeting.

Currently, we have 10 people on the waiting list.

Grounds Maintenance

The contract for the Parish's grounds maintenance contractor have continued their good work maintaining the Parish.

Website/social media

The new website has been up and running and the content required under the small council transparency code is added to the website. The agenda and minutes are added, with notices to keep up to date with Parish matters.

The Facebook page is slowly growing, sharing Parish and district useful information. It well received during lockdown to receive COVID 19 updates.

Notice Boards

There are four notice boards in the Parish, these have meeting information, contact details for the Parish Council and the District Councillors.

Litter Pick

Councillor Jagger has liaised with District councillors to arrange litter picks in the Parish year. Purchase of high-vis jackets help to ensure litter pickers are safe and seen if thy are picking individually or as a group.

Parish Clerk and RFO

The Clerk has completed her CiLCA this year, moving onto further education to start her Level 4 Community Governance with the support of the Parish Council.

Julia Talbot

Clerk to Notton Parish Council.