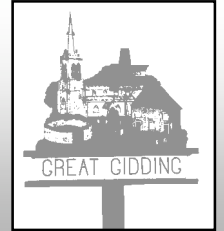


Great and Little Gidding Parish Council Annual Report 2009/10



A Review of the past year

Planning permission has been granted for work to repair the fabric of the school building, which has been neglected over the past eight years. This work is due to be carried out during the school summer holidays.

With the school no longer being relocated the problem of parking on Main Street will not be eased. Although the school traffic has an impact, the inherent layout of the road causes issues at all times of day and night for the present lifestyle of us all. There have been site meetings with Highways and County Councillor over our concerns and the impact it has on properties and residents of the village.

A grant has been awarded to the Parish Council towards a new pedestrian access at the Village Hall, to make it safer and more accessible for people to use. Plans are now being drawn up with any additional funding to be agreed.

The three charities have now been combined into one with specific policies and procedures to ensure the correct running of the charity and allow funds to be distributed effectively in the village. The Charity Land has also been registered. Plans are underway to connect water to the allotments, which will be funded by the charity and more allotments should be available to meet the waiting list in April 2011.

The Parish Council has supported the Village Hall committee with a donation of £10,000 towards the refurbishment of this village asset. The PC has also undertaken the contract for the grass cutting of the Recreation Field and Village Green. The money gifted to the village by the late Bertha Green has been used to bring water and sewerage connections to the Recreation Field allowing toilet facilities to be installed

With the aid of a grant from HDC work was carried out to restore the pond in Chapel End with a new fence installed and bench provided. This should also assist drainage and hopefully prevent the road flooding. Funding is being sought to clear out the pond in Main Street next; a survey has already been carried out

There are many rights of way in the village and in partnership with the County Council work has started to improve these. Footpath No 6 and 1/14 have already been improved (see village website for walk details)

Andrew Alexander, Chairman

SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT (YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010)

	2009/10 Budget	2009/10 Actual
Income		
Precept	9,575.00	9,575.00
Recycling	500.00	367.91
VAT Refund		692.03
Training bursary		47.50
	10,075.00	10,682.44
Payments		
Wages	3,800.00	3,525.94
Insurance	534.07	534.07
Subscription and Audit fees	414.16	391.16
Rent for Parish Office	500.00	500.00
Training	100.00	109.25
Office Expenses	330.00	214.84
Broadband & Phone	450.00	452.20
	6,128.23	5,992.06
Website Maintenance	264.60	264.60
Rent for recycling	450.00	680.30
Recreation Ground	1,600.00	1,130.34
Village Hall Refurbishment	8,000.00	8,000.00
Woodland	100.00	99.00
Village Maintenance	1,500.00	1,008.27
Section 137	1,825.00	1,769.00
	13,475.00	12,686.91
	19,603.23	18,678.97
Planned overspend	-9,528.23	-7,996.53
Reserves 3/09		
General	13,279.07	
Section 137	925.00	
	14,204.07	
Reserves 3/10 (unaudited)		
General	6,151.54	
Section 137	56.00	
	6,207.54	
Bertha Green Bequest		
Balance 3/09	4,240.09	
Water connection to Recreation field	1,688.11	
Sewer connection	1,551.98	
Village Hall refurbishment	1,000.00	
Balance 3/10	Nil	

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Sally Dalley

Office Opening Times (note change of day)

The Parish Council Office is open to the public on Monday and Thursday mornings from 11.30am – 1.30pm.

Parish Council meetings

Held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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2010 ANNUAL REPORT FOR GIDDING PARISH COUNCIL FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DICK TUPLIN

It has been another busy year for District Councillors, much of the time being spent on routine matters. In addition, I served on a working party, which has been responsible for some big changes to the District Council's organisation this year. The major changes are:-

Area Forums.

We have been tasked by the Government to organise regular area meetings with the electorate, so that they can air their views on topics of interest at the time. Representatives from the Police, Fire Authority, Health Service, County, District and Parish Councils, form a panel to listen to points raised. After each public session the Panel decide what action is needed. These forums replace the former Police meetings.

Council Meetings.

These are now held in the evenings to encourage more people to offer themselves for election to the Council. Also we now have an hour's open debate on varied subjects in the hopes that meetings will be more interesting for both members and the public. So far, very few of the general public have attended, but we hope this will improve when we hold our meetings in the new Civic Suite at Pathfinder House.

Overview and Scrutiny Meetings.

These panels review all the topics covered by the Cabinet. To keep the monthly meetings to a reasonable length, the original two panels have been replaced with three new ones. This means that scrutiny is more thorough, and there is more time for the overview element. I am on the Economic Wellbeing Panel, where we have had to review the difficult spending decisions this year in view of another restricted Government Grant (from the rates on Business Premises), and Council Tax Capping, which is set after we have negotiated our budget. We think the cap will be 2.5%, so we have set an increase of 2.49% (equivalent to £3.02 a year on a band D property. We have the 20th lowest Council Tax of all District Councils in the country.

Finally, I would like to thank Councillor John Garner for his assistance and support during his time on the District Council. He has been a hard working councillor and I congratulate him for all that he has achieved. I think we have worked well together for the good of the community.

I look forward to having the same cooperation with Darren Tysoe.