



*Cantley, Limpenhoe
and Southwood
Parish Council*

Annual Report

May 2017

Chairman's Report

The Parish Council has been through an interesting and sometimes difficult time over the last 12 months, and I feel that I should get the 'bad news' out of the way first. In January, we received the resignation of Martin Woolner from the Council. Martin was a great asset, bringing a youthful and fresh perspective to the discussions, and we are grateful for his contributions. In March, we received the resignation of our chairman, Richard Attwood. Again, highly valued, Richard's calm and efficient leadership took us through some challenging projects, and my thanks on behalf of all the Council go to him for his two years as Chairman. And then, on top of all this (but not relating to them!) our Clerk, Catherine Moore, also handed in her notice to allow her to pursue other business interests. Catherine has been with us since September 2013, and I am grateful for the guidance and knowledge that she has brought to the role. Catherine's contribution to the council has been invaluable and we are extremely grateful for her commitment and the knowledge and guidance she has brought to the role. We are sad to see her go, but wish her every happiness and success in the future.

We are actively recruiting two councillors to replace Martin and Richard, and by the time you read this a new Chairman will have been elected. I am also delighted to introduce Vicky Powell as our new Clerk, and we will make sure that she is properly introduced in the next parish newsletter.

Anyway, on to matters that we have been dealing with, and you may recall from earlier newsletters and reports that we had been seeking the deregistration of the village green in Limpenhoe, with a view to swapping it for a piece of land next to the village hall. Sadly, the Secretary of State refused our application, so we have now set up a working group to explore the possibilities for bringing the existing land into use. We would welcome all ideas that residents may have.

In other news, we have been pleased to work with British Sugar to bring down instances of speeding and anti-social behaviour of drivers, with good success. The Factory have agreed to fund a vehicle activated sign which will remind drivers as the approach Peregrine Close, that the speed limit is 30mph. We continue to report other highways matters as they become apparent.

We are currently looking at funding to install a defibrillator in the phone box in Cantley, which is scheduled to be decommissioned at some point in the future. We believe that this is a valuable asset in addition to the one at the village hall.

Onwards, to 2017/18!

Dot Machin, Chair

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2016/17

Receipts

	<u>2015/16 (£)</u>	<u>2016/17 (£)</u>
Precept and Shortfall Grant	6,614.00	8,562.00
Recycling Credits	49.96	0.00
VAT Reclaim	0.00	3,732.72
Misc. Including Grants	30,794.45	3,635.00
Bank Interest	1.80	1.79
TOTAL	37,460.21	15,931.51

Payments

	2015/16 (£)	Budget 2016/17 (£)	Actual 2016/17 (£)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses; Training	2,786.77	2,780.00	2,703.57
Insurance	209.04	220.00	201.45
Audit Fees	20.00	220.00	240.00
Grass Cutting	1,720.00	1,870.00	1,330.00
Subscriptions	315.25	307.80	372.66
Hall Hire	105.00	135.00	130.00
Maintenance	183.60	586.40	331.10
Section 137	200.00	100.00	0.00
Sundry	335.16	960.00	46.20
Staithe Subsidence	7,700.00	0.00	0.00
Play Equipment	10,325.53	0.00	0.00
Village Green	4,900.00	13,300.00	1,635.79
VAT	3,732.06	0.00	447.17
Contingency	0.00	400.00	7,400.00
Return of Grant	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	33,550.68	20,879.20	14,837.94

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 1st April 2016	10,879.22
Total Income	15,931.51
Total Expenditure	14,837.94
VAT due to Council	447.17
Closing Balance at 31st March 2017	12,419.96
(of which £6,072.13 is earmarked for particular projects or reserves)	

Your Parish Council

The villages of Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood are represented by seven Parish Councillors: Dot Machin (Chair); Steve Bennett; Peter Key; Norma Knight; Brenda Pawsey; and Ray Smith. At the time of publication there was one vacancy. The Parish Clerk is Vicky Powell.

The Parish Council meets eleven times per year, with the following meeting dates planned for 2017:

15 th June 2017	Cantley Village Hall
20 th July 2017	Cantley Village Hall
21 st September 2017	Cantley Village Hall
19 th October 2017	Limpenhoe Village Hall
16 th November 2017	Cantley Village Hall
21 st December 2017	Cantley Village Hall

Parish Council agendas are published on notice boards and the website 3 clear days before the meeting. Minutes are published on the website after they have been approved. Alternatively they are available from the Parish Clerk.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings. A time is set aside for public comments before the meeting begins.

Your representative on Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council is Mr Andrew Proctor who can be contacted on 01603 715659 or emailed on andrew.proctor@norfolk.gov.uk or cllr.andrew.proctor@broadland.gov.uk

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