

Woodditton Parish Newsletter

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Year ending 31st March 2018

Chairman's Report

The new houses and bungalows in Fitzwilliam Close on St Johns Avenue have been completed and residents are moving in.

The notice board on St Johns Avenue has been replaced due to its old age. A seat is to be installed at the junction of Woodditton Road and St Johns Avenue.

The council is considering purchasing vehicle actuated speed signs which will be moved between a number of locations including Ditton Green, New Cheveley Road, School Road, Saxon Street and Woodditton Road.

The Defibrillator we installed at the Blackbirds Inn in Woodditton was damaged in the fire there. It may be replaced in a temporary location pending rebuilding of the pub. A second one has been installed at the Methodist church in Saxon Street.

The council continues to review and comment on all planning applications submitted within the parish.

Our council is always represented at the twice-yearly East Cambs Parish Conferences and the quarterly Parish Forums (neighbouring parishes) held to discuss common issues.

The parish council assets (street lights, bus shelters, playgrounds, equipment etc.) are all insured and safety audited annually, with required maintenance carried out.

The Council supports churches in Woodditton and Saxon Street and makes annual grants to the Newmarket Day Centre, Dial a Ride, Magpas. St Nicholas Hospice, East Anglian Air Ambulance, and several more organisations.

Many thanks to the other Parish Council members for their support and work they have put in during the past year. Also, our Parish Clerk Mr John Theobald. District Councillors, Peter Cresswell. Chris Morris. County Councillor Mathew Shuter.

Cliff Pettitt, Chairman Woodditton Parish Council



Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm, 11 months of the year missing December, at the Methodist Church Hall in Saxon Street.

Web Site

The Council has a Web-site www.woodditton.org.uk which is very well run by our councillor Terry Webb.

We are currently taking measures to ensure that we comply with the new data protection regulations.

Further news from Vice Chairman Robin Sharp

Highways Safety Improvements (Woodditton Villages)

Our re-bid to county highways for funding and installation of village “gateways” was successful and they should be in place on Woodditton Road, School Road and Stetchworth Road, together with a 40mph buffer zone in vicarage Lane, later this year.

Jubilee Field (School Road)

A pedestrian gate has been installed to allow access when the main gate is locked for security purposes. An adult fitness trail is a possibility – see below.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Money - consultation

The parish council has received funds allocated by the district council following new local developments, to be spent on projects benefiting and supporting the parish. We have set up a sub-committee to investigate a number of potential schemes and before proceeding would welcome comment from parishioners. The proposed schemes with approximate costs are listed below:

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| 1. Permanent notice board/s with map showing local walks | £1500 each |
| 2. Vehicle actuated speed sign to be moved between 5-6 locations | £4500 |
| 3. Adults fitness trail around Jubilee field (4 to 6 items of equipment) | £6000-9000 |
| 4. Street lights between Ditton Green and Little Ditton | £10000 |
| 5. Environment/ecology project (with Wild Life trust) initially nesting boxes | £1500 |

Please contact your local parish councillor with any comments or suggestions you have on these schemes, by 13 July 2018. These will be collated and discussed by the council at the 19 July 2018 meeting, before proceeding.

Miscellaneous Items

Over the winter the verges along the Stetchworth Road approach to Woodditton have become eroded and untidy. The council has contacted the County highways authority to discuss remedial measures.

There is a vacancy on the parish council. Anyone qualifying who wishes to be considered for this position should contact the parish clerk or his or her local councillor.

Don't forget you can report any highway faults via the Cambs County Council web site (Cambridgeshire.gov.uk – Report a Highways Fault).

It is very easy to use and always results in efficient action with feedback.

Our telephone box libraries in School Road and Ditton Green continue to be well used. If anyone would like to help look after them please contact Clls. Terry Webb or Robin Sharp.

Woodditton Parish Accounts A/CS 2017/18

Year Ended 31 March 2018

INCOME

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| East Cambs DC Precept | | £ 16900.00 |
| VAT Refund | | 2295.94 |
| Community Infra. Levy 1 | | 4108.46 |
| Community Infra. Levy 2 | | 13081.41 |
| Insurance receipt | | 235.00 |
| AON Refund | | 43.94 |
| Building Sic. Int. & Misc. Credit | | 5.86 |
| | TOTAL | 36670.61 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Play areas & Sports field | 4463.51 | |
| Main Insurance | 963.63 | |
| Streetlights elec. & maint. | 545.03 | |
| CAPALC Sub. | 378.97 | |
| Clerk's salary | 1874.00 | |
| General admin. | 1146.95 | |
| Grants & sec. 137 | 2400.00 | |
| Vat paid | 837.69 | |
| Defibrillator | 1890.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 14499.78 |

NET SURPLUS

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Reserves b/f | 20026.06 | |
| Plus current surplus | 22170.83 | |
| c/f reserves | 42196.89 | |
| | | LLOYDS 14035.70 |
| | | NATIONWIDE 28161.19 |
| | | 42196.89 |

ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES NIL ALL STATUTORY ALLOWANCES WAIVED BY ALL COUNCILLORS

Signed... J B Theobald (Responsible Officer) Date 10/5/18

MAIN EXPENDITURES

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| CAPALC | 378.97 | Annual sub to assoc. technical & legal support |
| AON Insurance | 963.63 | Insurance premium |
| CGM Group | 352.00 | Grass cutting |
| Annual EON | 545.03 | Street lights |
| Allianz Engineering | 576.26 | Play area safety checks |
| Play areas upkeep | 4463.51 | Grass cuts & mics. |
| Annual VAT | 837.69 | VAT on purchases |
| East of England Ambulance | 1890.00 | Defibrillator |
| Grants to local organisations | 2400.00 | Health & Medical |

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