

## Chairman's Report, May 2016

Another year has gone already, but fortunately, with no major traumas.

Pot-holes keep appearing and hedges continue to encroach on the pavements and the North Walsham road still needs drains. We keep reporting these things to the NNDC and the NCC and they keep saying that they have no money. Although, as I write this, the North Walsham road is being resurfaced, so that should take care of some of the pot-holes.

The new play equipment has been installed on the playing field and looks great, and thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, a seat has been provided for weary parents to sit and watch their children play. We are hoping to work in conjunction with the Village Society to provide further play facilities. Whilst on the subject of the playing field, the Pavilion will soon be demolished and then we can then decide if and how we will replace it.

The plan to build affordable housing off Cornish Avenue has been put on hold due to financial problems. It's all tied in with proposed projects in other villages. I attended a Planning Meeting regarding this at NNDC and it is very complicated. It may well still go ahead and hopefully it will, so fingers crossed.

The state of the loke giving access to the Knapton road allotments is causing some concern. This has been churned up by vehicles attending to the horses being kept in the field adjacent to the loke and we are attempting to come to an arrangement with the owner of the field regarding it's repair.

We are about to change our Parish Council website. The one we are using is provided by NCC and is very user unfriendly. The new one is the same one our Clerk and some of her other Councils use and hopefully will be ready soon.

So let's hope the next twelve months are just as uneventful. That just remains for me to thank all of you for your work and support and to thank the Methodist Church for the continuing use of their meeting room, and to thank Julie for her continuing hard work and for keeping us all in line.

Alan Fordham

Chairman

Trunch Parish Council

**TRUNCH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016**

Income increased by £5,197 mainly due to the funding for new play equipment of £5,903 but with no contribution from the Trunch Youth Club which was £650 in 2015).

Expenditure increased by £10,115 mainly due to new play equipment of £10,000 and increases in several other items of expenditure, notably street lighting, roundabout repairs, tree work, a new bench, a new litter bin, but with no expenditure on cleaning the play area or for painting the bus shelters.

The net deficit for the year was £847, which reduced total funds to £29,115.

# Trunch Village Society

## Annual Report to the Trunch Parish Council

With the money raised by the Open Gardens and Scarecrow Day, garage sale and the Community Composting Project Groups the Society was in a position to award Grants, totalling £2970 to village Groups and Organisations. The Bumbles Pre –School, Churches, Village Hall, Village Playing Field Society, Garden Society and village Lunch Clubs were among those who benefitted from the Grant awards.

During the year the Cider Co-Op decided to leave the Society and become a self-funding independent village Group.

The Litter Pick Group arranged two collections of rubbish from around the village during a Sunday afternoon in October 2015 and April 2016 and at least twenty volunteers came along on each occasion and collected 8 bags and 14 bags of litter respectively. The litter picks were organised as friendly social events with a quiz during tea and cakes afterwards in the village hall.

Although the number of volunteers has dwindled the Community Composting Group collected 21 tonnes of garden waste and sold many bags of the processed compost to villagers. This raised £1064 from recycling credits issued by Norfolk County Council and £316 from the sale of compost. Further modifications and repairs to the tractor are due to be carried out during the coming year. All the garden waste is processed manually by a team of volunteers with the support of the Cromer based charity 'About with Friends'. The success of the scheme features in the annual review by NCC as being the highest raiser of funds in comparison with other County Groups. Additional volunteers are still urgently required to help save this important community activity from ceasing.

The wild flower garden, originally founded and created by Anne Horsefield and Charles Cornish, provided a lovely display of wild flowers attracting butterflies, dragonflies and many varieties of insects. The garden was one of many included in the Open Gardens and Scarecrow Day event; two scarecrows were on show, one of which was featured in the local newspaper.

Throughout the Open Gardens and Scarecrow Day John Everett, a Norwich based bee keeper kindly provided a demonstration of bee keeping using a glass hive. John supplemented this by providing an extremely interesting narrative of his experience of keeping bees. John Everett has kindly agreed to attend this year's event. Due to the interest of villagers the Bee Keeping Group was formed to encourage interest in the wellbeing of bees, get hands on experience of the care and maintenance of hives and the production of honey. The Beekeeping Group with the help of local land owners, have set up and are in the process of setting up hives at strategic sites around the village.

The Open Gardens and Scarecrow Project Group organised another successful event in July raising £3000. The action packed summer's day was well attended and many scarecrows were on display; the imagination of the creators does not cease to amaze, giving the judges a hard decision to make. The gardens proved, yet again, how much pride many of the villagers take in creating and maintaining such wonderful gardens. The displays of tractors, classic cars, model aircraft, radio communications and gun dog training were excellent and all helped to make a wonderful fun packed day. Proceeds from the successful May Day village garage sale amounted to £336.

Since starting the issue of Welcome/Introduction packs last year, over 20 have been issued to new comers to the village.

The activities of the Society's Project Groups rely on the support of a network of volunteers. The band of volunteers has been decreasing in numbers such that the Society must rely on the goodwill of the villagers to come forward during the forthcoming year in order to sustain the work of the various Groups.

Thanks to all the existing volunteers.

# Trunch Village Society

## Grant Allocations - 2016

| ITEM No   | GROUP   | DESCRIPTION   | AMOUNT ALLOCATED |
|-----------|---|---|------------------|
| 1         | Bumbles Pre-School                              | Contribution towards running costs. And updating technology provision for the children.   | £250             |
| 2         | Garden Society                                  | Contribution towards cost of equipment for shows, guest speakers and visits.  | £200             |
| 3         | Knitters and Stitchers                          | Part of Norfolk wide group who knit and sew for various charities ( <a href="http://www.norfolkknitters.org.uk">www.norfolkknitters.org.uk</a> ). It has been found that besides helping recipients of the completed knitwear, membership of such groups is beneficial to the participants. So as not to restrict membership to those who can supply all their own equipment and materials the group would like a contribution towards purchase of a stock of materials from the central Norfolk store and the village hall hire costs. Last year our Grant Award assisted in boosting our membership thus increasing our ability to provide for items for very worthy charities. | £200             |
| 4         | Village Hall                                    | Contribution towards cost applying Sandtex protective coating to pebble dashed wall faces and repainting of fascia boards estimated at £1,300.  | £300             |
| 5         | Village Web Site                                | Contribution towards upkeep of village, church concert and bee keeping websites.  | £200             |
| 6         | St Botolphs music concerts                      | Contribution towards cost of annual brochure, annual piano tune and maintenance, upgrade roadside boards.   | £250             |
| 7         | Trunch Parochial Council<br>St Botolph's Church | Contribution towards the cost of improvement of the churchyard footpath providing safer access to the church. Estimated cost £5000.   | £250             |
| 8         | Trunch Methodist Church                         | Contribution towards cost of urgent improvements to lighting and insulation of roof space, estimate £810  | £350             |
| 9         | Blacksmiths Close Lunch Club                    | Contribution towards running costs and provision of meals.  | £100             |
| SUB TOTAL |   |   | £2100            |

## Project Groups – Funding Allocations 2016

| PROJECT GROUP               | DESCRIPTION   | AMOUNT ALLOCATED |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|
| Compost                     | Improvements to electrical system on tractor - fitting an alternator, fitting indicators and rear view mirror. Provision of fuel. Insurance premium included elsewhere. | £600             |
| Litter Pick                 |   | -                |
| Open Gardens and Scarecrows |   | -                |
| Rectory Meadow Management   | Purchase of sign (Charles Loke) and mounting post.<br>Note! £200 donated by Maria and Anna Cornish.   | £120             |
| Bee Keeping                 | Contribution towards cost of purchase of new bee colony.  | £150             |
| GRAND TOTAL                 |   | £2970            |