

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2020

I open my report by offering my sincere thanks and appreciation to Vice Chairman, Cllr. Brown for her help and support over the past year.

During 2019, your parish council reached full complement following the co-option of Cllr. Waddingham. I acknowledge and thank all councillors for their commitment and time.

Mr Beadle, the Parish gardener, continues to be valued employee of the council. Apart from maintaining Festive Field, the Hedon Road brick planter and various flower beds, Mr Beadle also looks after the council cemetery and area around the village cenotaph.

Appreciation is also extended to Mr James, the Village Hall Clerk, who is employed by the Parish Council. In January your council agreed to extend his contract for a further year. Mr James has worked tirelessly to support current user groups and helped set up new groups, improved the maintenance and security of the hall, successfully applied for grant funding and continues to be a key fundraiser for the hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mrs Blackburn, Clerk to Burstwick Parish Council. Her in-depth knowledge, support and advice ensures your council runs as smoothly and effectively as possible.

What has the parish council delivered?

During 2019-20, your council has delivered a number of projects. These include:

Allotments

- Push down taps installed spring 2019 to help conserve water
- Best Kept Allotments Competition held for 3rd year and judged variety of produce, best use of space and most unusual fruit of vegetable

Cemetery

- New potting bench was installed to help with flower preparation and the garden of rest was extended

Village Maintenance

- Two new litter bins were installed in the village this year – one at the junction of Pinfold Lane and Elm Tree Farm Road and one at the junction of Strathmore Avenue and Churchill Avenue, both in response to issues with dog fouling
- A dog poo bag dispenser was installed on the fence of Festive Field to encourage more people to clean up after their dog
- The Parish Gardener, Cllr. Brown and Mr. Brown continue to maintain Festive Field

Communication

- A new notice board – part funded by a grant from the local wind farm – was installed in the autumn of 2019 opposite the Hare and Hound pub, to improve communication
- The parish council website and social media platforms continue to be updated with latest information

Play Area

- A commuted sums grant supported the purchase of new equipment for the adventure trail, following the removal of old equipment. This investment helps keep the play area sustainable for the future

Village Hall

- The parish council are trustees for the village hall
- The management committee is now a parish council committee and the council support the running of the hall by paying for the employment of a Village Hall Clerk. The management committee consists of user group representatives and parish councillors offering help and assistance

Emergency Plan

- The plan was reviewed and updated this year

Projects for 2020-21

The current pandemic of Covid-19 may delay some of the parish councils work this year. These are the projects your Council would like to deliver; some have been rolled over from last year.

- To set up a Community Speed Watch in the village to reduce speeding traffic in the village
- To organise a Community Health and Wellbeing event
- To convert 2-3 of the parish council owned streetlights to LED bulbs
- To purchase and install a Role of Honour board, to officially record names of people who have been awarded the freedom of the parish by the Parish Council
- To develop war memorials garden project, to create a landscaped garden from the war memorial to the Christmas tree. To improve accessibility to the memorial and provide new garden and seating area for the village.
- Allotments – to re-number all plots with new marker posts
- Cemetery – to maintain new memorial rose border and look to offer memorial roses for purchase
- In the play area, the Council plans to:
 - Remove algae and treat equipment with wood preservative
 - Service roundabout and carry out repairs when needed
 - Install 1 or 2 new pieces of equipment to replace the two balance beams and stepping logs at the end of adventure trail
 - Review goal nets and signage at multi-games area
 - Review all surfaces

I have enjoyed serving as Chairman of Burstwick Parish Council during the last year and look forward to 2020-21. Although the upcoming months bring an element of uncertainty, please stay safe and follow Public Health England and government guidelines.

Cllr. Dean James

Chairman – Burstwick Parish Council

3rd May 2020