

Ash Parish Council Chairman's Report 2019

Ash Parish Council is responsible for the recreation ground, the allotments and the toilets on the recreation ground (but not the sports pavilion), the War Memorials at Ash and Westmarsh, five bus shelters and several seats and litter bins. Ash Parish Council also pay Dover District Council to enable the toilets in The Street to remain open.

Three vacancies have occurred on the Council in the last year and Peter Chandler, Martin Humphries and Jacqueline Wilkinson have joined the Council.

The eleventh of November 2018 was the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and to mark this the Council sponsored the events held in the Ash village hall by the Heritage Group on the weekend of 10th and 11th November.

The Parish Council provided wreaths to be laid on both Ash and Westmarsh memorials.

The water leak at Cop Street is now active for the third winter with even more water flowing onto the road. Kent County Council has not resolved this problem.

The proposed public right of way along the old Weddington road from Queen's Road to Burfords Alley has run into great difficulty. Some brambles have been removed at the east end and this shows a ditch where the path was to pass. It is now very unlikely that there is enough room for a path and it may be extremely difficult to prove that the path has been walked regularly for many years.

New quotations for work on the recreation ground have been received for the three years from 1st April 2019. I am pleased to be able to say that C&W Groundcare have won the contract and will be able to continue their excellent work.

There was a very successful litter day last July. The village certainly looked smarter after the event. Thank you to all who took part.

However on the debit side there has been an increase in graffiti and also fly tipping in the village.

The Parish Council have several items in the pipeline at the time of writing this report. They are to install a defibrillator on the village hall and to install new play equipment for the young on the recreation ground.

Dover District Council has been asked to repaint the double yellow lines throughout the village as the present ones have virtually disappeared.

A new event is being planned for August. A village fete is being planned by a group of villagers and they have the support of the Council. I wish the day to be a great success.

May I thank the writers of Onlooker for the Parish magazine, also Andrew our Environment Officer and Christine our Parish Clerk who during the last year has faced a very heavy load of work, equal to the previous year.



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Ash Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 15th April 2019, 7.30pm

Ash Village Hall, Queen's Road, Ash

All are welcome and local government electors of the Parish of Ash are entitled to speak and vote.

AGENDA

- Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd April 2018, to be approved and signed.
- To receive reports and take questions:
 - from the Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr Foat
 - on audited Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31/3/2018
 - on un-audited Parish Council Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31/3/2019
 - on the Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan from Ash Parish Council Councillor Mr Turner
- Reports from and questions to the local charities and trusts:
 - Ash United Charities, Benevolent Fund, Resthaven Almshouses
 - Frank Kingsland Trust
 - Jack Foat Trust
 - Ash Educational Charities
- Ash and Westmarsh Village Halls: Reports & Questions.
- Cartwright and Kelsey School: Report & Questions.
- Any resolutions for which written notice has been given.
- Kent County Councillor, Mrs Sue Chandler: Report and Questions.
- Dover District Councillors, Mr Trevor Bartlett, Mrs Sue Chandler and Mr Mike Conolly: Report and Questions.
- Any other business concerned with parish affairs.

CLlr Graham Foat
Chairman, Ash Parish Council

22nd March 2019

Ash Parish Council			
Receipts & Payments 2018 – 2019			
Actual		Estimated	Budget
Mar - 18		Mar - 19	2019/20
£		£	£
110,292	Opening balances - all bank accounts	121,039	137,466
RECEIPTS			
4,180	VAT refund	2,616	2,012
448	Allotment rents	446	480
36	Sale of books	113	80
120	Bank interest	336	350
5	Rents / miscellaneous	5	5
73,621	Precept	76,294	80,378
1,015	Council Tax Support Grant	0	0
950	Grants	5,825	0
80,375	TOTAL	85,635	83,305
PAYMENTS			
<u>Administration:</u>			
31,299	Employment	35,375	38,800
628	Inspections / Audit Fees	713	1,180
0	Newsletters (2019 Directory)	384	2,200
1,500	Insurance	1,532	1,600
645	Postage / Stationery / Telephone / Broadband	772	1,290
0	IT & Equipment	366	840
567	Room Hire	666	940
1,362	Subscriptions	1,343	1,600
119	Staff Training	60	500
113	Chairman's Allowance / Cllr Expenses & Training	122	1,000
72	Bank Charges	73	80
0	Elections (2019 from Reserves)	0	3,000
4,787	Neighbourhood Development Plan (2019 from Reserves)	3,100	9,103
3,666	Donations / Grants	4,421	4,500
7,437	Contribution to DDC Public Conveniences	8,047	7,845
4,492	Planning Advice (2019 from Reserves)	1,509	3,000
1,851	Traffic Calming (2019 from Reserves)	0	24,000
<u>Maintenance:</u>			
279	Repairs / Renewals of Bins, Seats etc	1,177	3,130
1,254	Pound Corner & Village	28	50
508	Equipment (includes AED)	580	100
<u>Recreation Ground:</u>			
3,361	Mowing, etc	4,014	4,050
0	New play equipment	0	20,600
0	Safety surfaces (2019 from Reserves)	0	8,000
1,348	Repairs / Renewals	1,596	2,730
1,455	Tree Surgery (2019 Carried Over)	0	2,438
266	Toilet Block (2019 Increased Water, Electricity, Painting)	1,318	2,750
2,616	VAT on purchases	2,012	0
69,626	TOTAL	69,208	145,326
121,039	TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	137,466	75,445
2019 Reserves: Election, S137, Contingency, Rec Grd , PROW			
Ring Fenced Reserves S106, NDP 2020, Green Spaces			
70,949	Prior Year Budget & Ring Fenced Reserves	59,300	10,000
50,090	General Reserves	78,166	56,445