

Planning Applications:-

The Council dealt with 28 planning applications, the same number as the previous year.

Parish Rates:

The Parish share of the domestic rates will increase by 5% on the precept for 2011/2012. The increase has been necessary to keep pace with inflation and cover the Council's wider financial responsibilities.

Allotments:

The Parish Council has secured and divided up the land to the North of the existing allotments for new allotment holders. There are nineteen full size plots and four half size plots available to rent.

Village Hall:

The Village Hall has continued to flourish over the last year due to the efforts of the Hall management and Social Club Committees. The second successive fireworks display was a huge success with no fog to dampen the proceedings. Future plans for a new hall continue to move forward.

Reading Room:

The trustees have now officially transferred the ownership of the Reading Room to the parish of Lingwood & Burlingham under the trusteeship of the Parish Council. This is a milestone in the history of the building which dates back to 1898. Although there are cost implications for the Parish in maintaining and preserving the building, the financial asset to the Parish is considerable. The general administration will continue as before.

Dog Fouling: - Old Chestnut.

Dog fouling continues to be a major problem in certain areas of the village, particularly on the routes between the Schools and within a few feet of the dog bins provided. This disgusting, anti social behaviour is unacceptable; it puts the health of our children at risk. Parishioners should be vigilant and report incidents Broadland District Council or the Clerk. The penalty is an enforceable fine of £1,000 for those who are caught.

The Big Society:

On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank the following people or groups of people who have made a big contribution in making our Parish a better place to live by giving up their free time:

Tony Bowyer: - For keeping our footpaths open.

Tony Gould and Ann Bone: - For clearing away the litter from our streets and greens, a never ending laborious task.

BADCOG: - Working parties made up of volunteers, improving the countryside, planting trees and hedge rows, also general conservation area management. A typical example is the Village Pond Conservation area.

Members of the Village Hall Committees: - Their efforts have helped to revive some Community Spirit within the Parish.

Forth coming Elections:

The four year term of office for the existing Councillors finishes on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011. A new Council needs to be voted in or co-opted on the set up the new Council at the AGM on that date for the next four year term. A number of the existing Councillors have let it be known that they are to retire or have other commitments which prevent them from standing.

Retiring after many years service are Rodney Quantrill (18 years), Sylvia Nelthrope (20 years) and David Moss (20 years). (Their service to the Parish has been outstanding and I am sure you will join me in wishing them well in their retirement).

Not standing are Daisy Kingham and Kelvin Myhill. (Relatively new Councillors but never the less their presence and individual contributions will be missed, we wish them well for the future).

Finally:

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their support during the year, particularly those who took part in the working parties. A special thank you to the Vice Chair, Sylvia Nelthorpe and the Parish Clerk, Sonya Dickinson.

My last official engagement as the Chairman will be to open the Annual General Meeting in May and welcome the new Chair Person to take over.

David Moss chairman 2010 -2011.