

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
18th April 2017, 8.00pm, Rathbone Pavilion**

Chairman: Cllr Geoff Chapman

Present: Cllr Adele Stevenson, Cllr Mark Dinning, Cllr Sally Evans, Cllr Judith McGinley, County Cllr Anna McNair Scott, Borough Cllr Stuart Frost, Borough Cllr Diane Taylor, Andy Jones (PSCO), Adrian McLaughlin (North Waltham Village Trust), Keith Evans (North Waltham Village Charities), Trish Wyatt (North Waltham Primary School Governor), Alan Purkiss (St Michael's Church, North Waltham), Barbara Purkiss, Brian & Sally Wall, Gary & Catherine Whiteside & Rosemary Coulter (Parish Clerk)

1 Welcome & Apologies for absence:

Borough Cllr Rob Golding, Cllr Sara Thomas

2 Minutes of 2016 meeting

The Minutes of the previous year's meeting had already been accepted and signed as correct. All arising matters have been dealt with during the year or are covered in the following reports.

3 Police Report - Andy Jones, PCSO

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix A.

4 Address by County Councilor - Cllr Anna McNair Scott

A summary of the address is attached as Appendix B.

5 Address by Borough Councilor - Cllr Stuart Frost

A copy of the address is attached as Appendix C.

6 North Waltham Parish Council Chairmans' Annual Report – Cllr Geoff Chapman, Chair

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix D.

7 North Waltham Parish Council Financial Report 2016-17 – Rosemary Coulter, Responsible Financial Officer & Parish Clerk

A copy of the accounts for the financial year April 2016 – March 2017 and the report are attached as Appendix E. A copy of the audited accounts for 2015-16 were available at the meeting for inspection.

8 North Waltham Village Trust – Adrian McLaughlin

A copy of the report is attached as Appendix F.

9 North Waltham Charities Report – Keith Evans

A summary of the report is attached as Appendix G.

10 North Waltham Primary School Governors' Report – Trish Wyatt, Vice Chair of Governor's

A summary of the report is attached as Appendix H.

11 St Michael's Church Report – Alan Purkiss, Churchwarden

A summary of the report is attached as Appendix I.

12 Meeting open to the public

Issues raised by members of the public

- Advice was sought regarding residents parking poorly, particularly over a fire hydrant. Others commented that some roads have many cars parked and footpaths are often blocked, which can be an issue for children going to/from school. The Parish Council agreed to ask residents to park considerately.
- The Borough Councilors were questioned as to whether picnic benches needing planning permission. Cllr Frost responded saying this is often needed for bases/concrete surfacing, but he would check this further.
- If the Hospital Trust need to apply for an extension to their planning permission, have they said they will do that. Cllr Frost responded saying to date, they have given no indication to BDBC that they will do this. He is assuming they will do it due to amount of money already spent. The CCG will not publish its plans until the end of year and they may decide there is no requirement for the services to be based in that location.

- Dog mess is becoming an increasing problem and, although the majority of dog owners are responsible, some are not. Signage was requested and the Parish Council agreed to contact the dog warden to request some signs. Cllr Taylor informed the meeting of some biodegradable bright pink spray paint that has been used effectively elsewhere to highlight the issue and warn others. She will find out the details and let the Clerk know. The Parish Council will also ask local dog owners to be responsible about their dog mess and dispose of it appropriately.
- The shop and pond are now looking lovely but what is happening about the Forge? No-one was able to respond to this.
- The Parish Council was asked if a litter pick will take place this year. Litter picks will be scheduled through the year.

APPENDIX A

Police Report from Andy Jones, PCSO

Neighbourhood Priorities

Burglary Dwelling
Burglary Non-Dwelling
Traffic related complaints (Speeding, ASB Noise Etc.)

I am very pleased to say that crime in general for the Parish of North Waltham is very good with only one N/D Burglary being reported. However, this is not the time to get complacent whilst other areas are experiencing a significant number of burglaries. Too many victims of crime look at improving home security after the unthinkable has happened. Hindsight is a wonderful thing, unfortunately none of us have it. Security devices have come a long way and are affordable to most budgets and work very well in conjunction with Android / Apple phones

Non-Dwelling Burglary

15th September 2016 The Old Barn Stores was broken into in the early hrs of the morning. The shop was undergoing a facelift at the time and scaffolding was in place outside. It's believed that access was gained to the building using one of the scaffolding poles. Items targeted were tobacco products only. This incident was linked to two other incidents in Kingsworthy and Headley which had a similar Modus Operandi. No persons were arrested in relation to these incidents. These type of offences are on the increase again.

Of note, 12th April an address in Wither Rise, Oakley, was burgled and as well as items removed from the property, the family car was also stolen. This vehicle has crashed locally. Police have made arrests and have suspects linked to the offence.

Burglaries are on the increase involving the theft of vehicles (Vamoose Burglaries) Most of these times the car has been left unlocked or the keys left visible and easily accessible. Police advice is to ensure all doors are locked and keys not visible when not in use.

A large portion of burglaries involves jewellery being stolen from the bedroom. This is where the would be thieves would make their first stop possibly. Jewellery is easy to move on and easy to transport. Bearing this in mind considering a different location for the sentimental and high value items may be worth considering.

Criminal Damage Village Farm

Reports of damage to crops believed to be caused by vehicles illegal Hare Coursing. These type of offences (COURSING) are treated seriously and a large number of resources are thrown at it. However, from experience the people coursing don't stay in one position for any length of time. The more information Police receive including VRMs, etc. the better the chance of us catching the perpetrators and bringing them to justice.

APPENDIX B

Address by County Cllr Anna McNair Scott

Cllr McNair Scott outlined the many events organised for the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death.

[Jane Austen Events in Hampshire 2017](#)



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The Mysterious Miss Austen – the Gallery, Winchester Discovery Centre 13th May – 24th July.

Presented in partnership between the Hampshire Cultural Trust and the Jane Austen House museum and featuring five representations of the adult Jane Austen – notably two by her sister Cassandra – shown side by side for what is believed to be the first time in history, and three others from private collections, also the manuscript in Jane's own hand of an alternative ending to her final novel Persuasion on loan from the British Library. Opening hours: Monday – Friday: 9.00 am – 7.00 pm, Saturday: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Sunday: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Jane and her Alton Apothecary – the Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton 3rd June – 20th August.

In the early stages of her illness, Jane was treated by William Curtis, a qualified apothecary in Alton. His story gives an insight into the role played by members of this ancient profession within their local communities, and it is possible that he might have been the model for the character of Mr Perry, the apothecary in 'Emma' who is described as 'an intelligent, gentlemanlike man'. Opening hours: 10.30 am – 16.30pm

The Navy at the Time of Jane Austen: Fighting, Flirting and Fortune – Gosport discovery Centre, Walpole Road, Gosport 15th July – 20th September

Two of Jane's brothers – Francis and Charles – served in the British Navy, and there can be little doubt that they provided inspiration for the naval officers who feature in 'Mansfield Park' and 'Persuasion'. This exhibition explores the importance of the navy in Jane's lifetime in what was a golden era just a few years after the victory at Trafalgar. Opening hours: 9.00 am – 5.00pm

Retail and Romance: Jane goes to the Ball – The Sainsbury Gallery, Willis Museum, Market Square, Basingstoke 29th July – 7th October

Jane knew Basingstoke well and her letters are full of references to shopping, descriptions of what was worn to balls and lively gossip and this exhibition is centred on these themes. Opening hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Jane's Winchester: Malady and Medicine - City Space, Winchester Discovery Centre 13th May – 24th July

Jane arrived in Winchester on 24 May 1817 to receive treatment for her illness, and this exhibition offers a snapshot of the city as it was then and the hospitals and doctors who treated her. Opening hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 6.00 pm, Saturday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Winchester Cathedral is also organising tours – with coffee and cake – on the first Saturday of each month from June to November – contact 01962 857275 or visits@winchester-cathedral.org.uk – Special group tours for 15 people or more can be arranged. The tour will include a walk through the Inner Close to the house on College St where Jane and Cassandra stayed and will be led by one of the Cathedral's team of expert volunteer guides. Other events also include outdoor performances of Pride and Prejudice on 28th, 29th and 30th June (bookable from the Cathedral box office), an exhibition 'Inspired by the Word' by contemporary artists celebrating the literature of Hampshire writers – Jane Austen, Edward Thomas and Gilbert White – running from 8 June – 30 September, and a commemorative evensong on 18 July, the anniversary of Jane's death.

APPENDIX C

Address by Borough Cllr Stuart Frost

Borough Cllr Stuart Frost gave an update on BDBC issues and then looked at aspects of the Local Plan which may impact on North Waltham.

The big picture Borough wide:

The Budget for the coming year has just been approved at Full Council. The bit that will be of immediate concern to you is the Borough Precept in the Council Tax. With a further cut in Government funding there has been a rise in council tax this year, with an average increase of £5 a year per household.

After the many years of the borough freezing its precept, its' part of the council tax, this still means that if you take the past seven years since 2010, it has been held well below inflation. Here is the key statistic: Council tax for our average band D property, after this year's rise, will continue to be the LOWEST in Hampshire, and the 6th lowest in England.

However, our spend per head on services will be the HIGHEST in Hampshire, and the 5th highest in England.



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So, because of a good sound investment and property strategy, Basingstoke raises enough revenue to keep its Council Tax precept consistently lower than anywhere else in Hampshire while spending consistently more money on everyone in the Borough. Our finances are scrutinised by the Local Government Association and we are assessed as being one of the most resilient councils in the country. Something to be proud of!

A lot of work has been done over the past year to create interest and atmosphere in Basingstoke: Plans for Basing View are progressing with a new state of the art office block – The Florence Building – rising up fast. Later this year Basing View will be officially designated an Enterprise Zone, giving incentives for businesses to move there.

Another project to attract outside interest and create a buzz in the town is a new Arts initiative: I quote Cllr Clive Saunders, the Leader of the Council here: “talks have already begun with the Arts Council of Great Britain and with Hampshire Cultural Trust to provide an integrated cultural hub, probably to be known as the Jane Austen Centre, which will embrace a redesigned and refurbished Willis Museum, Haymarket Theatre and Market Chambers. It will provide an outstanding central facility for arts groups of all interests and especially for young people, as well as a new and lively focal point for the Top of Town.”

Homelessness in Basingstoke has been a key focus at the council over the past year. Rough sleeping has increased in the town, and following a successful church initiative to open a home called the Dwelling Place near the town centre to house 5 former rough sleepers, a plea from the Council has resulted in Basingstoke's first “pop up” night shelter scheme. Several churches around the town centre have, over the winter months of December, January and February opened their doors to rough sleepers – each taking a specified night – to keep them safe in the cold weather and provide support, a bed for the night, supper and breakfast. The pilot scheme has just finished and has been very successful.

The Local Plan:

holds a lot of interest for us in the west of town, and I have been asked by the Parish Council to discuss each of the sites that will directly affect the ward. Soon after last year's Village AGM the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Local Plan received its final approval.

The Manydown Development

We fought hard at the final examination by the Planning Inspectorate and at consultations on the Masterplan on two fronts that directly affect us in this ward: To minimise the impact of the western edge on Newfound and to exclude development around Pack Lane. The overall Local Plan was passed pretty much unchanged. However, as plans now progress for the design and delivery of Manydown, Pack Lane HAS been excluded – thus preserving our countryside approach to Basingstoke and lessening what would have been a huge impact on Fiveways. The latest version of the masterplan, which now covers land only north of the railway line, proposes as soft an edge to the west as we can reasonably hope for with, hopefully, a tract of open space in immediate view from Newfound. The application has been accepted and is currently being verified.

In order to meet the timelines of the local plan, it is aimed to have first occupancy of some of the planned 3400 dwellings in 2020, therefore;- outline planning permission will need to be ratified by full Council in October, Considered by Development Control Committee in September 2017.

It is expected that there will be formal consultation on the plan for the development of Manydown in July or August 2017. However, we are awaiting the publication of the actual outline plan and will know more when that comes through. There are a number of headaches that will need to be solved before the outline plan is formally consulted on, these tend to revolve around Highways and Access to the A339 and Roman Way to the north, and Worting Road to the south and how the Borough maintains a 5-year land supply, so we can protect the local plan and therefore our ward against spurious development eg Beech trees in Oakley.

The Golf Course on the A30

Along with Manydown, this site, along with Handsome Fields, is key to delivering the Local Plan. Currently the ground is still in the process of being sold to the developer, by the Golf Club. However I understand that this has not yet been done, as I'm hearing rumours that some Golf Club members may be starting to back pedal. This site does have access difficulties and will require a S106 agreement to develop a roundabout access to the A30 and development of the A30 to handle the extra vehicle movements. This will be very, very expensive, potentially into the millions.

Handsome Fields

A30, opposite the Golf Course. This site has outline planning permission, but with a lot of caveats attached to be dealt with under reserved matters. These include the location of the school with concerns over air pollution, drop off parking and road safety, as the current position is very close to the A30, the provision of two pitches for Traveller Families and an expensive S106 agreement for access development to the A30, which while not as expensive as the Golf club, is certainly eye watering in the £100,000s.



The Proposed Critical Treatment Hospital

The specialist cancer and Maternity centre on Land at Ganderdown Copse on the A30 adjacent to Dummer Lane. Planning permission was granted 2.5 years ago and in a couple of months the hospital will have to apply for an extension. Permission runs out after 3 years!

I was at a meeting of the CEP committee, at which the CCG presented their plans for the development of Primary Care for the Borough. I asked directly what were their plans for the development of the Critical Care Unit and was told they are still looking at the broad picture of how to deliver improved services and won't be in a position to say either way for a while yet, to the back of the year at the earliest. Upon pushing, the CCG explained that if they agree to commission the Critical Care and move some 15% of BDH services to the new unit, under NHS/CCG rules they will have to refurbish all of the existing hospital wards to the current relevant standards, which will cost £millions'. So, it seems that the CCG is currently considering the future Primary Care needs of the borough and will be revealing plans at the back end of the year at the earliest, while ignoring the urgent need in the borough for access to GPs.

I have been asked the question, if the hospital is not built, can houses be built there instead? The answer to this is that the hospital was given special permission under the NPPF policy A3 regarding the building on Greenfield land, in that it needs to be something that was not considered in the Local Plan, and must be vital infrastructure. Therefore if the developer wanted to change the hospital into houses, they would have to submit a new application and then the application would have to stand on its own merit. My personal thoughts on this are that as the development would be a substantial number of dwellings, standing outside of the Local Plan and the fact that we currently have a 5 year land supply, I doubt the application would be successful.

The best way to head off unwanted development in North Waltham is to support the Village Plan team and develop a plan that can be adopted by the Borough. Plans that have been adopted recently are Oakley, Overton and Bramley.

Finally, one or two matters specifically concerning Oakley

We still await plans for the creation of a small Co-op on the Doltons site next to Jolly Ollies in Oakley Lane. I understand from the landowner that there have been issues to sort through, but the Co-Op is working on producing a plan for pre-application consultation soon.

Plans for the appearance of the development at the rear of Beech Tree Close are now in and are open for consultation responses. We were grateful to our MP Kit Malthouse for raising in the House of Commons the injustice of the appeal, which sadly and wrongly went against us. This is a prime example as to why we must develop the North Waltham plan as a matter of urgency.

Recent issues of vandalism in Oakley have been a concern. All I can say is that the police are investigating.

Finally, local heroine Jane Austen

It is, of course, the bicentenary of her death this year and all sorts of events are planned Hampshire-wide. As you will know, she spent the first 25 years of her life in our Borough, in Steventon just up the road. To celebrate the anniversary.....In Basingstoke, amongst other things, there will be the placing of the life-size bronze statue of her in Market Square in July. There will be a trail called "sitting with Jane" in which various specially designed benches shaped like books are placed around the area in strategic places. These can be followed to take you through the history of Jane Austen's time in and around Basingstoke. It will run from mid-June to the end of August. (after which the benches will be auctioned off). There will be an Exhibition during August and September in the Willis Museum specifically centring on the social life of Austen's day, some of it spent attending Balls in the Basingstoke Assembly Rooms ... (by Lloyds Bank)

APPENDIX D

North Waltham Parish Council Chairman's Report – Cllr Geoff Chapman

I am sure you will all agree the pond is a key feature of the village and late spring of last year the Parish council held a couple of public meeting specifically about the pond and how to best continue to keep it the centre point of the village. The result of this was the formation of a working party led by Cllr Sally Evans and with the allocation of funds to help improve the planting. As you all have no doubt noticed the group spent the back end of last year working out ways to better control the water levels and only a few weeks ago spent a great deal of time and effort in planting £1500 worth plants, at which point special thanks must go out to Kate Gibbons, a professional garden designer, who got a great deal for the Parish enabling the plants to be purchased at one-third of the retail price. Hopefully, this effort in conjunction with the Parish Councils ongoing commitment of an annual budget to help maintain the area will result in an attractive and vibrant centrepiece to the village.

Most other aspects of the appearance of the village rely upon services supplied by the Borough and County Councils. The frequency of pothole repairs and grass cutting on the various greens has been compromised by the budget constraints that have hit all levels of the local government. However, the Parish Council is constantly applying pressure to get issues in and around the village sorted out, the clerk has been repeatedly chasing the County Councils Highways department about the drains and potholes and some success has been achieved with the recent clearing of the badly blocked drains down Maidenthorn Lane/Up Street and some of the potholes being patched. Unfortunately, the Council are still unsatisfied with the general quality of some of the road repairs especially as they have all too quickly degraded to the poor state they



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were previously in, most notably the entrance to St Michael's Close. So, the subject of Highways and Village Appearance remains high up the agenda for the Parish Council and it will continue to pursue the relevant authorities to get repairs of an acceptable standard.

In addition to the communal parts of the village, the effort the residents put into work on their houses and gardens makes a considerable contribution to the attractiveness of the village, which the Parish Council recognises through the running of the Garden Competition. Many congratulations to the winners of the 2016 competition Alan and Barbara Purkiss, with Andy and Lois Lang in second place and Jan and Terry Woodfin in third.

In January, the Parish Council was approached by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council following their receipt of a request for a new bus shelter to go with the stop on Maidenthorn Lane near the entrance to Elizabethan Rise. The Borough did inform us that they had a small budget to cover the installation of standard green and yellow model like those found throughout Basingstoke, but that should the community wish for an alternative, more sympathetic, design the Parish Council would have to cover the difference in cost. In addition to this no matter what the design, should a bus stop be installed the Parish Council would be responsible for all future maintenance costs. Due to the potential implication of such costs on the Parish Councils budget, it was felt best to canvas the opinion of the community on the matter. The Council received several comments on the matter with the majority being against the construction of the bus shelter, and an even higher percentage being against the green and yellow model. Considering these responses and the potential cost implications for the Parish Council of a more sympathetic design it was decided not to accept Basingstoke and Deane's offer at this time.

At last year's Annual Parish Meeting it was mentioned how the council had received it largest planning application in recent times with that of Critical Treatment Unit and related facilities. While in the last 12 months there has not been any applications that scale, the council did receive 20 applications which they have reviewed and commented on when appropriate. Because of the time limits for the review of applications, the Planning Committee meet every two weeks as required – for applications relating to properties we encourage the applicants to attend the relevant Planning Meeting to answer any questions the committee may have.

On a more strategic planning level the Neighbourhood Planning Group have been continuing to meet, and following the formal adoption of the Basingstoke and Dean Local plan, are working toward the creation of Neighbourhood Development Plan for the village. After a lengthy stage of reviewing the legislation and statutory documentation on the subject, the group will soon be reaching out to the community for their opinions on the many subject areas that potentially need to be covered. The primary stage of this engagement will be via the distribution of a questionnaire to all households in the Neighbourhood Development Area and will cover areas such as housing, infrastructure, the local economy and transport. The present schedule is for the questionnaire to be distributed at the end of April early May.

Unfortunately, for the first time in several years, the Parish Council had to increase its precept request, this primarily due to notification from Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council of changes in the grants that it gives to the Parish Council. In addition, the basic precept the Borough has, in recent years, provided North Waltham with two additional grants, the Limited General Administration Grant and the Council Tax Support grant but the Parish Council has been informed that for 2017/18 there was to be a 50% reduction in the Limited Administration General Grant, with it being fully removed in 2018/19. The Council Tax Support grant is being reduced by 33% for 2017/18 and eventually phased out by 2019/20. Due to the loss of these grants, it became necessary for the Parish Council to increase the precept it requested. The amount the Parish Council requested from Basingstoke and Deane was an increase of 13.16% which once adjusted for the number of properties in each tax band, and for properties which receive a discount or are exempt from Council Tax resulted in a final increase of 15.29%. In real terms, this works out as a £4.25 increase for the average Band D property for 2017/18.

In September of last year, Allison Spyer stepped down from the position of Parish Clerk after four years in the role. Over that period, Allison was a vital part of the Parish Council without whom the council could not have continued to serve the community. Following a period of recruitment Rosemary Coulter was appointed to the vacant position and has settled into the role already and has very quickly got up to speed with the many responsibilities of the role. I would also like to say a very big thank you to all the Councillors who give up their time, completely voluntarily, to serve the residents of North Waltham.

APPENDIX E North Waltham Parish Council Financial Report 2016-17 – Rosemary Coulter

INCOME		BUDGET		ACTUAL	
		£		£	%
INCOME					
Precept		£ 10,794.00		£ 10,794.00	
Limited General Grant		£ 1,100.00		£ 1,100.00	
Council Tax Support Grant		£ 387.00		£ 387.00	
Grass Cutting Grant		£ 1,956.00		£ 1,956.00	
Other		£ -		£ 314.78	
VAT Refund		£ -		£ 237.73	
Total Income		£ 14,237.00		£ 14,789.51	
Outgoings					
Expenditure					
Clerk	Salary	£ 4,282.00		£ 3,457.73	80.75%
	Expenses	£ 150.00		£ 89.75	59.83%
	Home Working	£ 216.00		£ 216.00	100.00%
	Telephone & Broadband	£ 500.00		£ -	0.00%
Chairman's Allowance		£ 20.00		£ -	0.00%
Inland Revenue		£ -		£ -	0.00%
Petty Cash		£ 100.00		£ -	0.00%
St Michael's PCC *		£ 1,300.88		£ 1,300.88	100.00%
Village Trust	Grass Cutting	£ 1,937.00		£ 1,956.00	100.98%
	Grant *	£ 2,095.75		£ 2,095.75	100.00%
Insurance *		£ 404.00		£ 392.27	97.10%
Audit	Internal	£ 250.00		£ 250.00	100.00%
	External - BDO	£ 200.00		£ 120.00	60.00%
Subscriptions		£ 290.00		£ 281.00	96.90%
Rathbone Pavilion hire		£ 250.00		£ 200.00	80.00%
Garden Competition		£ 200.00		£ 78.95	39.48%
Assets	Pond Renewal	£ -		£ -	0.00%
	Pond Maintenance	£ -		£ 1,050.83	100.00%
	Bus Shelter	£ -		£ 295.20	100.00%
	Phone Box	£ -		£ 64.00	100.00%
	St Michael's Green	£ -		£ -	0.00%
Training		£ 300.00		£ 246.00	82.00%
Office Equipment		£ 300.00		£ 124.99	41.66%
Travel Expenses		£ 100.00		£ 123.55	123.55%
Stationery		£ -		£ 115.52	100.00%
Software		£ 170.00		£ 176.97	104.10%
Website		£ 200.00		£ 124.18	62.09%
Communications		£ 300.00		£ 108.36	36.12%
Misc *		£ 206.04		£ 528.46	256.48%
VAT		£ -		£ -	0.00%
Total Expenditure		£ 13,771.67		£ 13,396.39	97%



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Earmarked Reserve Transfer					
Pond Renewal	£	1,000.00	£	790.80	79.08%
Bus Shelter	£	100.00	£	50.00	50.00%
Phone Box	£	200.00	£	100.00	50.00%
Total Transfer	£	1,300.00	£	940.80	72%
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	£	15,071.67	£	14,337.19	95%
Budget Variance			£	734.48	

You have in front of you a copy of the Accounting Statement for the year ending 2016/2017. You will be able to see the proposed budget at the beginning of the financial year versus the actual spend during the year. The right hand column demonstrates the percentage of budget spent, whereby a pink square indicates an overspend, a green square indicates an underspend and a yellow square indicates where actual spend met the budget.

Income was generated as follows:

- The precept for 2016 - 2017 was £10794.00.
 - We also received a Limited General Grant of £1,100.00 and a Council Tax Support Grant of £387.00 plus a Grass Cutting grant of £1,956.00.
 - We have also recently been successful in gaining a Transparency Fund grant of £312.20 to enable us to ensure we are compliant with the Transparency code.
 - Our other income has come from a VAT refund of £237.73 and bank interest of £2.58.
- This gives a total income of £14789.51.

We have been informed by BDBC that the Limited General Administration Grant will be reduced by 50% in 2017/18 and fully removed in 2018/19. The Council Tax Support Grant will be reduced by 33% in 2017/18, 66% in 2018/19 and then fully removed in 2019/20. We have taken this into account in our budget for 2017/18 and, in order to maintain the same service, have increased our precept accordingly.

The most significant variance is in the 'Miscellaneous' line. Expenses that have been recorded in the 'Miscellaneous' line include bank charges (£54.00), village maintenance (£445.45) and hospitality (£29.00). This has been taken into account in next year's budget and additional budget lines added for bank charges and village maintenance and an appropriate budget attached. Other lines showing an overspend are minimal.

The precept for 2017/18 is £12214.00.

A full copy of the Audited Accounts for 2015/16, if anyone wishes to view them at the end of the meeting.

APPENDIX F

Report from North Waltham Village Trust – Adrian McLaughlin (written by Malcolm Knight)

Management Committee

During the year, Hannah Faust and Jan Petersen stood down as representatives of Pre-School and the WI respectively; Hannah Pearce has taken up Pre-School representation but the WI position has not yet been filled.

During 2016 Denise Liddiard assumed the role of Honorary Treasurer; her contribution is greatly appreciated.

The Management Committee maintains regular links with B&DBC and Action Hampshire, and attends meetings and training courses with other local community organisations.

Events

We again ran the Big Lunch in June and in 2016 combined it with the annual Church fête on 12th June, also linking to official celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. This event was a success, with the Trust providing the usual beer and Pimms tent, BBQ and games. The two Village organisations intend to join forces again in 2017 for a combined event on Sunday 11th June.

In November, we again ran a Rolling Supper which was very successful and raised the considerable sum of £605 for Trust funds.

The Trust again assumed responsibility for the visit by Father Christmas to the Pond on Christmas Eve; this was, as always, a popular event generating useful funds from donations for the Trust and Village charities.



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In May, the Trust issued a Questionnaire form to every house in the village with a view to eliciting views on our future development. We received an encouraging level of response and the processed results will be posted on the Village website shortly. Apart from assisting the Trust in its development plans, the questionnaire output should be of assistance to the Neighbourhood Development team in their current work.

Rathbone Pavilion

The hiring pattern has remained steady throughout 2016 with regular use by Pre-School, Puddleducks, Youth, Dancing and Gardening Clubs and the WI, along with a new Yoga club. We have also had usage for private and commercial events. The Trust has a policy of charging a common rate for room hirers.

During 2016, our Fire and Safety policy was reviewed and a summary sheet prepared for issuance to contractors; the fire extinguishers will be replaced in 2017 to conform to a 5 year cycle. Two trustees attended a seminar run by Winchester Fire Station which raised some useful points.

During the summer holidays, we re-painted the main room in the Pavilion.

We will be replacing the disabled access ramp for a wider unit to improve compatibility with wheelchairs.

Cuckoo Meadow

Meadow

During the year, we installed a small-scale football pitch, which has proved very popular with the youngsters. Apart from casual use, it was used for more organised games during the Big Lunch.

We are also evaluating acquisition of an outdoor table tennis facility, to be installed at the west end of the Meadow near the car park. We also intend to replace the Geoff Court Memorial bench and install 4 picnic tables, 2 near the Memorial bench at the Mary Lane end and 2 near the Play Area. Planning permission will be required for new concrete bases for these items but we will initially position the picnic tables on grass to make them available for the 2017 summer.

Play area

The Play area remains subject to weekly inspections by Basingstoke & Deane BC officers as well as the Trustees.

Repairs and replacement parts were fitted to the climbing net, wooden train, multi-unit and flat swings. The tyre swing bearing failed and accordingly we had to remove this component from the multi-unit. We also had to remove the wooden horse owing to rot and complete failure of connection to its mounting bracket.

The swing barriers were replaced and repairs made to the fencing. We also fitted new gates, including a different closing mechanism to minimise any risk of trapped fingers.

Website

The website, shared between the Village represented by the Parish Council and the Trust has been revamped. The weekly News alert enables villagers who have signed up to automatically receive an e-mail every Tuesday with the latest news on the Village's activities. We also have a link to the website from the Village Facebook page.

Several local businesses have approached us about advertising their services on the website and currently two have signed up. We charge £60 per annum, with a discount available where businesses also elect to advertise in the Parish Magazine.

Finances

The Trust's finances have been stable over 2016 and been subjected to an independent examination. Subsequently, the Trust's annual report to the Charity Commission has been duly filed.

APPENDIX G

Report from North Waltham Village Charities – Keith Evans

The Trustee Committee for the Charity (strictly, The Charity of William Batchelor) continues to be Rev Julia Foster, Margaret Carter and me. The charity is fully registered with the Charities Commission and I shall be submitting the Annual Report to them next month.

At the end of December 2016, we had £1,782.53 in our two Charities Aid Foundation Bank accounts. Interest for the year was £2.50 and incomings from donations from generous villagers and Santa Claus's visit on Christmas Eve amounted to £94.00. Thank you to all. No grants had been made for the year despite our best attempts.

However, the figures also include two £5.00 monthly account charges under a new system instituted by CAF Bank. As a result of this charging system, against which I had appealed in vain, we have now got a single business account with another bank – after a great deal of kerfuffle due to money laundering procedures designed to stop international crooks. There are no charges but no interest – the best we can get in the current climate. So, from March 2017 onwards we have been Lloyds Bank customers.

In 2017, we have already made a donation to the Junior Youth Club which we feel is a cause worth supporting. We have also today made a gift of £250.00 to the school to support the costs of the forthcoming Jane Austen 200 Centenary commemorations.



With our modest funds, we continue to support village causes in the interests of young and old, as laid down in the original charitable objectives in the 18th Century. If anyone wants more details please ask me, either now or privately.

APPENDIX H

Report from North Waltham Primary School Governors – Trish Wyatt

As always there is a lot to report from the last year at North Waltham Primary. In September, the school welcomed 8 new members of staff including two new teachers, two schools direct students and 4 new teaching assistants. All the new staff have settled in really well and the NQTs are being supported by the two deputy heads who are both specialist leaders in education. Also, Miss Grice returned from maternity leave and is now sharing the position of deputy head with Miss Walker, who did a fantastic job in her role as acting deputy last year. The school also gained an extra class, with the addition of Cedar class now bringing the total to 6 classes.

With so many new members of staff they had a challenging start to their time at North Waltham with an OFSTED inspection in the second week of the school year. The inspector was very impressed with all the staff and the report was extremely positive stating that the school is good and improving. The governors were particularly impressed with how the new teachers took the inspection in their stride after only a few days in their first teaching job.

In contrast to the staff, the membership of the Governing body has remained stable over the last year with just the recent addition of one new parent governor. The governors have updated their skills matrix and undertaken training to fill any gaps. The whole governor body training this year was on child protection and in addition to this several of the governors attended the inset day at the beginning of the school year where the annual child protection training was delivered to all the staff. The governors undertake self-evaluation termly and each governor is linked to a key action from the school strategic plan, which forms the basis for their governor visits. In addition to these more formal visits governors attend school events and accompany school trips.

Two of the areas of focus this year are the development of the school grounds and developing science across the curriculum. At the beginning of the year three workshops led by a landscape architect from HCC were held. These involved input from pupils, parents, staff and governors and looked at how we use our outside space and how best we can develop it over the next few years. Already a new nature trail has been completed and a small change of providing a welly store has increased the amount of time that the field can be used.

In addition to the well-established science visits to QMC the school recently held a science week which included visits from AWE scientists who demonstrated and involved the children in experiments using liquid nitrogen to learn about pressure, and visits from the police who demonstrated how their drug sniffer dogs are used. The school has also taken part in the science quiz winning the regional final.

The Travel Team ably led by two new JRSOs continues to work hard to try and raise awareness of road safety issues and try and do what they can to reduce the chaos at school drop off and pick up times. With a third of our pupils now coming from out of catchment and an increase of the number of children attending the school this continues to be an issue. The travel team continues to promote the drive share scheme and encourage all children where possible to walk cycle or scoot to school.

Both attainment and progress of all children remains good and all groups of children are well supported. The school continues to work closely with the village church with Rev Julia leading regular assemblies and the children attending church for workshops and end of term services. Links with the village trust are maintained with a governor representative attending VT meetings. Also, the friends of North Waltham continue to provide invaluable support to the school, and last year raised over £5000.

I would like to thank all the staff, friends, governors, parents and children who work so hard to make the school such a success.

APPENDIX I

Report from St Michaels Church, North Waltham – Alan Purkiss

St. Michael's Church has a small but thriving congregation, and worship takes place on each Sunday of the year, except when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, when this is shared by the other three Churches in the Benefice. We also have extra services throughout the year, to mark special occasions in the Christian Calendar.

Our range of services cover the more formal Holy Communion, either said or sung, a less formal Holy Communion, aimed at the younger members, and an informal type of worship, usually led by a lay person.



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We have held a Songs of Praise type service, both in the Church, and the Rectory gardens.

We have an active role with the Village school, having three experience sessions for groups of varying ages from the school. We have had a Harvest, Christmas and Easter theme at the appropriate times of the year, when we try to explain the significance of those times of the year.

On 11th November, a class from the school, joined us for the Act of Remembrance, at the Village War Memorial, to remember our Village dead, and others from conflicts over the years. A minutes silence was observed and wreaths were laid

Julia Foster, our village priest, is also welcome into the school, to carry on explaining the Christian message to the children.

Together with the school, last Christmas we encouraged members of the congregation to prepare "shoe boxes", containing Christmas gifts, to be taken to Romania. This action has helped the Charity to gain the trust of the local population, and seems to be having a positive effect.

Last year, we joined with the Village Trust, to combine our annual Church Fete, with the Big Lunch, all held on the second Sunday in June, and this was a great community event, and will be repeated this year.

The Church is open every day, and is available for private prayer, or contemplation. There is a collection box inside the main door, for parishioners to leave donations for The Trussel Trust Food Bank. This has been very successful, and several of our members regularly help at the Food Bank, in Basingstoke.

We endeavour to help the environment, by collecting items for re-cycling, and collect milk bottle tops, printer cartridges, used stamps, and foreign coins, as well as participating in using the green waste bins for the Borough's re-cycling scheme.

About every six weeks, we have a Messy Church afternoon, when children come to take part in craft work, with a Christian message, snacks, and a small informal Christian based story.

We have a thriving Mens Group, who meet several times a year, for a curry or pizza meal, a talk and a few beers. We also join with Overton Mens Group, to challenge them at Skittles. We won the last challenge. There is also a small group who meet on a Monday night, to discuss various topics in a Christian based society.

The Church in North Waltham feels that it is a welcoming community, and if any person within the Village, either resident or visiting, feels the need of to talk over problems, then either Julia or the Church Wardens, are available to assist.