

Nether Poppleton Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2017

Many thanks for coming, here's my Chairman's report.

I will make it brief, as we have 2 further meetings ahead of us.

It is both a honour and a privilege to be your NPPC Chairman.

The Council is working well and has delivered a lot of stuff this year.

Here's a reminder of 2016/17 achievements. It's quite a list! I have made some slides:

Achievements

- Finances remain very healthy, the Parish precept was frozen once more, we have been prudent on spending, making key improvements and also helped many local groups with vital grants, reserves are good
- We helped support Poppleton's last Yorkshire in bloom entry. In 2016, Poppleton achieved our best ever gold result. We got a gold for the Spring visit, Gold for the Summer visit and a Gold for being the small town category winner. Well done to the volunteers.
- Grass cutting contract was reviewed, simplified and we increased the number of cuts, this will make the village look much nicer
- Successfully placed an Asset of Community Value (ACV) on the Lord Nelson Public House to help protect this valuable community asset
- Helped keep the Millennium Green and Moat Fields clean by installing a dog poo bag dispenser. Thanks to Cllr Woods.
- Supported the installation of a new defibrillator at Allerton Drive shops. The majority of the funds were raised by a local collection, we will now ensure it is maintained / replaced in the future. Thanks to Cllr Reynolds.
- Resolved some of the parking issues, raised by residents, outside Allerton Drive shops, including securing a new bin and recommending the installation of a new post box and marking of parking bays. These issues are as a result of the continued success of the shops, which is great news

- Improved the Cartshed doors by covering the bottoms in black painted galvanised steel, looking very good now
- Refurbished the village seats, now a regular commitment.
- Installed a wooden handrail at the bottom of Riverside Gardens to both assist those who have difficulty with the slope and protect the grass verge
- Warren Lea is looking great after significant works, Cllrs recently refilled the path with chippings. Thanks to all who helped / contributed.
- During the year we surveyed every street in the parish and reported all issues to the City
- Produced a soon to be delivered Newsletter, to better engage with the residents. Thanks to Cllrs Woods and Barry
- I am really pleased with how the Planning Meeting is being led by Cllr Jones. We have had some significant applications during the year and the projected information is working well and the NPPC has recently purchased its own laptop – this one!
- Last but not least, the Neighbourhood Plan! Fantastic progress! We are leading by example and setting the pace for the other parishes. After an incredible effort we are almost ready for the referendum stage. Huge thanks Cllrs Jones, Powell and Simpson. Well done!

People

- All of this great work could not happen if it was not for the great people.
- A huge thank you to all the Parish Councillors for their unpaid hard work and thanks to James Mackman our Clerk. Thanks to our City Councillors for their support throughout the year
- Thanks to the many other individuals and groups who give their time to work hard for the village e.g. Moatfields Management Group, Millennium Field Group, Yorkshire in Bloom volunteers, the Wildlife Group, Poppleton Centre etc.

Looking forward into 2017 and beyond

- **Neighbourhood Plan** - Really looking forward to the referendum and adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan
- **Walks** - Work has started on introducing new public rights of way and permissive paths in Nether. This will be a long haul but will be very welcome benefit to the village.
- **Adventure Playground** – this project continues and is now more achievable and I expect will soon become a reality in 2017. Thanks to Cllr Simpson.
- **Nether Cricket Pitch** - Eagerly anticipating the new Cricket Pitch, the village deserves one!
- **Roads** - I continue to be concerned about condition of some of the road surfaces, I hope the City are able to find the funding to fix these areas
- **Youth Club** – now running “in year deficits” due to removal of central City of York funding. Unless more funding is found e.g. Ward Funding, both Parish Councils will have to consider a significant increase to funding
- **Finally Training and Development.** One thought, may I encourage everyone to take advantage of the excellent training which is offered throughout the year, there is a good range and the planning training is vital.

Thanks for listening.

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