



ANNUAL REPORT – MAY 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

This is my Annual Report as Chairman of the Parish Council for the financial year 2015/2016 and I am pleased to report on the highlights of the activities of Tibshelf Parish Council during the past year. I am privileged to have a hardworking, committed team of Parish Councillors and to report on the considerable work carried out by them.

Parish Elections

On 7th May 2015 the Parish Elections were held which saw 11 members elected to represent the Parish of Tibshelf. The Council thanked Amanda Dunn and Mark Scarborough for their hard work and contributions during their time as Councillors, Amanda and Mark choose not to re-stand for election in 2015. The Council also welcomed new members Ivan Brentnall and Mike Coupe who are both experienced Councillors who have previously served on Tibshelf Parish Council.

Finance

As my predecessor, Councillor Ray Heffer, reported last year we have again had a busy, positive and productive year. However, as you will be aware, all levels of Local Government are having to operate under severe financial constraints and this inevitably means that the Parish budget needs to be tightly monitored. In the coming financial year, we will need to be even more cautious with our plans and may not be able to rely on grants we have traditionally received. We will have to look for every opportunity to save on our budgetary expenditure to ensure that the Parish Council continues to operate a 'best value' policy for this Parish. The Council levied a precept of £123917 and received an additional £14088 from Council Tax Support Grant. This grant aid will be gradually reduced over the next four years. By 2020 the grant aid will be removed altogether. The cost to an average Band D Council Tax payer in Tibshelf increased by 0.43 pence for the year from £119.48 to £119.91. The overall cost per week per Band D household was therefore £2.31 in 2015/2016.

Key Achievements

The Parish Council is extremely proud to report the Council achieved the Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Level. This is a national scheme which recognises good practice in adherence to protocols and practices.

During Summer 2015 the Parish Council were thrilled to announce that they had received grant aid from the Big Lottery to install outdoor fitness equipment on the Parish Sportsground. The equipment is developed and designed for use by teens to adults to support improvements in health and fitness.

The Hanging Baskets display this year was magnificent and again the Parish increased the number of hanging baskets in the village along with the number of sponsors and will endeavor to continue to increase this floral display in the forthcoming year.

During 2015/2016 the Parish Council has raised its concerns on housing developments and the proposed HS2 to the necessary agencies and authorities. The Parish Council will continue to address its concerns in relation to the village infrastructure and impact on local amenities in relation to planning applications, to ensure that our village maintains its historical and community priorities.

Community Events

Throughout the year the Council staged and supported numerous events including the Sainsbury's Sports Relief Mile when Bolsover District Council in partnership with Sainsbury chose Tibshelf to be host for this fundraising event which helps to raise life-changing money for Sports Relief 2016.

The Council also held their Annual Remembrance Day, Christmas Market and supported the Tibshelf Motorcycle Run in November where parishioners donated Christmas gifts and toys to Children Homes. The annual Christmas Carol Concert and Tibshelf Twinkles where younger parishioners got the opportunity to meet Santa were held in December and again these events were extremely well attended.

The Council along with Tibshelf Community Association held the Annual Firework Display at the Village Hall in late October which drew a great crowd and to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday the Council hosted a Charity Event at the Village Hall which gave an opportunity for local groups and Charities to raise awareness and funds for good causes.

During the year the Council received a number of applications for grant aid totalling £8292, from local groups and organisations including Blackwell Striders, Rykneld Swimmers, Tibshelf Old People's Club, Tibshelf Tots, 3rd Tibshelf Scout and Guide Group, Friends of Tibshelf School, SSAFA, Tibshelf Student Trip and Tibshelf Youth Club.

Tibshelf Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to enjoy almost maximum usage and we have therefore started the process to explore the feasibility of a village hall extension. We have appointed Groundworks Architects and Chimera Consulting to work with the Parish Council to provide a feasibility study, business plan and funding review with the proposal to extend the village hall to double the size and also include a meeting room, office, additional storage and a separate Gym facility.

As you appreciate this report is to highlights the main areas of achievement that the Parish Council has achieved during the last year, however the Parish Council is continually working and will continue to work towards a village to be proud of and therefore we will continue to work with Parishioners on areas of concerning such as dog fouling, traffic calming, crime and nuisance behavior, maintaining the cemetery, allotments and sportsground.

Please remember that residents are very welcome to attend parish council meetings and raise any issues during the Public Forum which is held at the start of each meeting. Parish Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday in every month, with the exception of August, with meetings commencing at 7pm.

I would like to re-iterate that without the commitment of my fellow Councillors, all the achievements I have highlighted in my report would not have been possible. The support they have given me as Chairman has been first class.

Finally, I would also like to thank all our staff who without their support, dedication and hard work, myself and fellow Councillors would not have been able to fulfil these achievements. The Parish Rangers, Dean, Ashley and Terry who do a splendid job in keeping this village clean and tidy, Ruth our Parish Clerk who manages the Council's finances and protocols, Jayne the Assistant Parish Clerk who supports our Parish Clerk, John the Caretaker and Kelly the Cleaner of the Village Hall.

Best Regards, Councillor Allison Beckett

FINANCIAL REPORT

Below is a summary of the Annual Return of the Council to be submitted to the Audit Commission under the Audit Commission Act 1998 Sections 15 and 16 and The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011 No 817). In accordance with the notices which will be posted around the village the Annual Return, Accounts and other documents will be available for inspection by any person interested at The Village Hall, High Street, Tibshelf, no earlier than Friday 3rd June 2016 for a period of 30 days. The Council set a precept figure of £138,950 for the next financial year 2016/2017.

ANNUAL RETURN 2016	2015	2016
Balances b/fwd	£ 128,281	£129,013
Annual Precept	£ 120,900	£123,917
R S Grants	£ 15,653	£ 14,088
Total other receipts	£ 5,905	£ 15,874
Staff Costs	£ 76,845	£ 76,586
Loan Interest	£ -	£-
Total other payments	£ 64,881	£ 84,182
Balances c/fwd	£ 129,013	£122,124
Total Cash	£ 132,549	£125,085
Total fixed assets	£ 276,124	£ 284,229

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MEMBERS ATTENDANCE MAY 2015 TO APRIL 2016

There were 12 regular meetings of the Parish Council

Members attendance 2015/2016	Annual	19.5.15	16.6.15	21.7.15	15.9.15	20.10.15	17.11.15	15.12.15	19.1.16	16.2.16	15.3.16	19.4.16	Total
A E Beckett	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	11
I Brentnall	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	11
M Coupe **	commenced as Councillor Sept 2015			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
S Ellks	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	A	10
G M Foley	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	11
R A Heffer	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	A	1	A	9
D Rutland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	11
K Salt	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	A	9
P Trevelyan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
W Vardy	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
R Vaughan	1	1	1	1	1	1	A	1	1	1	1	1	11
	10	10	10	8	11	9	9	10	11	9	10	7	

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

In 2015/2016 Tibshelf Parish Council paid members allowances in accordance with guidelines from the District Council. The allowance is to cover costs of stationery, postage, telephone, travel and other sundry expenses. The Allowances paid were £161.68 per Member and £323.34 Chairman's Allowance.

Members can be contacted via the clerk.

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