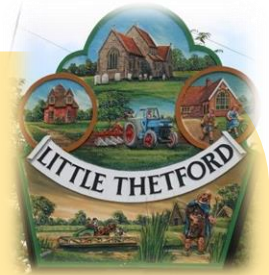


Little Thetford Parish Council Annual Report 2019/20



This is my first report to you as Chairman for Little Thetford Parish Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Charlotte Mitchell for the last 12 months as Chairman.

As a Parish Council as always it has been a very busy year and much has been achieved. The following report will summarise the work we have undertaken between April 2019 and March 2020 – therefore pre-Coronavirus.

Finance

The precept for 2019/20 remained at £17,250. Your precept is collected by East Cambridgeshire District Council and included in your Council Tax payments. Precept is the money LTPC request to carry out their statutory duties and other responsibilities. During the year we also received some CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money, £32,675.09 during the year which we can put to 'infrastructure' projects within the village. This CIL is a charge levied by Local Authorities (ECDC) on new developments to help deliver infrastructure needed to support the development. The amount payable to the Parish Council is set at 15% of the levy. If we ever proceed to have a Neighbourhood Plan, this increases to 25%.

New Social Media Sites

During the year we launched both a new website:

www.littlethetford.org.uk and a new

Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/littlethetfordpc

in the year. Please keep an eye on these for up to date information and news of interest in the village.



Screenshot of the new website

Council Personnel

After nearly 20 years service we said goodbye to Sandra Thompson as Parish Clerk. While we undertake the recruitment of a replacement Clerk we have had a Locum Clerk in place to ensure the smooth running of the Council.

More information within the report...

But can I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors (past and present), council staff and volunteers within the village for all their time and ongoing hard work during the year.

Graham James, Chairman

Summary of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020

31 st Mar 19		31 st Mar 20
45,384.00	Opening Balance	48,097.00
	Income	
17,250.00	Precept	17,250.00
130.35	Bank Interest	134.64
700.00	Burial Income	461.00
0.00	Grants	2,632.50
0.00	CIL	32,675.09
416.80	Other Income	5,015.37
1,000.00	Rent	658.00
19,497.15	Total Income	58,826.60
	Expenditure	
9,192.78	Admin, Salaries, Insurance, etc.	12,433.18
0.00	Elections	200.00
1,787.22	Cemetery Maintenance	2,857.10
2,383.00	Grass Cutting	2,890.00
997.50	Village Maintenance	1,596.44
300.00	Conservation Area	1,200.00
120.00	Donations	200.00
2,003.91	Other Expenses	8,660.84
16,784.41	Total Expenditure	30,037.56
48,096.74	Closing Balance	76,886.04

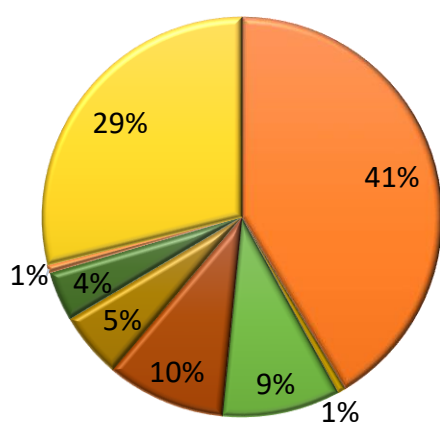
Financial Summary

The majority of income to the Parish Council is in the form of Precept (this is collected by East Cambridgeshire District Council and is included in Council Tax Payments) and receipt of CIL money for infrastructure projects in the village.

Administration costs include insurance, subscriptions, general office administration, staff costs and legal fees.

Cemetery maintenance includes the cost of the caretaker and any other costs incurred.

Other expenses included refund to the Feast Committee for unusable Mobile Speed Sign, VAT to be refunded and professional advice fees.



Expenditure at a glance 2019/20

- Admin, salaries, insurance, etc.
- Elections
- Cemetery Maintenance
- Grass Cutting
- Village Maintenance
- Conservation Area
- Donations
- Other

What Does a Parish Council Do?

Parish Councils play a vital role in obtaining and representing the views of its community and are consulted by other public authorities including District and County Council, Health Authorities, Government departments on a variety of issues which may affect the parish.

Decisions are taken by the elected councillors at legally convened meetings which are open to the public. Agendas are displayed on the noticeboard and the parish council website. Minutes of meetings are also displayed on the website.

Other Work

What have we been doing? Where has your money been spent? How have we contributed to the parish of Little Thetford?

- 7 unpaid elected/co-opted Councillors who 'hold a seat in public office' attending 12 meetings per year held on the second Wednesday of the month.
- Comments on (but does not decide) planning applications within the parish and neighbouring parishes where it affects the village. Over the year 28 planning applications have been considered at full council meetings.
- We maintain the play area on Cowslip Drive and various areas of Public Open Space for the benefit of the residents of the village.
- We have awarded a total of £200.00 in donations/grants to East Anglia Children's Hospice and the Feast Committee.
- The cemetery on The Wyches is managed and maintained by us. There have been 4 burials in the cemetery during the year.
- Maintain the verges on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council
- Provides and maintains bus shelter, benches and noticeboard.
- Works with East Cambridgeshire District Council to provide litter and dog bins.

Future Work

What are we working on going forward?

- Work to complete the cemetery extension.
- Recruitment of a new Parish Clerk.
- Upgrade of the playground on Cowslip Drive.
- Improvements to the Conservation Area to help biodiversity.
- Planting of 420 trees (*please join us in November – bring your gardening gloves and some warm clothes*)
- Looking to seek the views of the community on their priorities for the village over the next 3-5 years.
- and more...

Parish Councillor Contact Details

As at 31st July 2020

Little Thetford Parish Council consists of 7 Parish Councillors who are elected for 4 years and represent a population of approximately 794*

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Parish Council agendas and minutes are available to view on the website:

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Little Thetford, CB6 3HG

* 2018 population estimate from Office for National Statistics via Cambridgeshire Insight
<https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/parish-profile/?geographyId=7f94ea12b8914d3cb0c0c29bc9ad1767&featureId=E04001647>