

Scaleby News

Welcome to the April 2017 Edition of the Annual Report & Newsletter brought to you by Scaleby Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Parish Council has **THREE** vacancies caused by the retirements of Willie Bendle, Jackie Clifford and Ronnie Grieves. Our sincere thanks are expressed to all three councillors who have worked tirelessly for our parish for many years. Ronnie and Jackie both joined the Council in 2006 and Willie has proudly served our community since **2 June 1976**.

The Council is legally advertising the right to a by-election and once that notice expiration period has passed the Council should be in a position to co-opt three new councillors. If you are interested please either email or write to the Clerk before **Tuesday 9th May** for potential co-option at our May meeting. If you would like an informal discussion about the role of the Parish Councillor please feel free to telephone our Chair, Linda. Full contact details for all of our remaining Councillors and the Clerk, Sarah, are available on the back page of this newsletter.

CHILDREN'S PLAY DAYS

The Parish Council are delighted to let you know that the children's play days are going to be once again held during the summer on **8th August, 15th and 22nd August**. We hope they will be as much of a success as in previous years. Full booking details will be available on the notice boards so please do keep a look out.

CHAIR'S REPORT

I must begin my annual report by expressing my sincere thanks to our retiring Councillors: Willie Bendle, Jackie Clifford and Ronnie Grieves. All three have worked tirelessly for the Council over an exceptional period of years and it is with great sadness that their time as serving councillors has ended. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Willie, Jackie and Ronnie our very best wishes for the future.

The three vacancies do mean that we are looking for new members of our community to come on board and help us in our work. The task of being a Parish Councillor is not an onerous one. We meet 6 or more times per year, normally on the third Wednesday of every other month and consider matters affecting our parish, such as highways issues and planning applications. The role can be very rewarding and I would ask that if you have a few hours to spare that you consider joining our small and friendly team.

I am pleased to report that Scaleby Parish Council finally managed to register the Village Hall with Land Registry, a project that took far longer than ever expected. We continue to support the Village Hall Management Committee in their efforts of refurbishments and thank them for their work over the last year.

We were also very pleased to have repeated the Children's Summer Play Scheme yet again. This year we had lower numbers of attendees over the three days however we hope the days were valuable to those who participated. The dates for 2017 are on the front cover and we trust these will be supported.

Many of you have been affected by the numerous road works we have had throughout the parish. We are aware that our roads are not in the best of states and we continue to report defects when we become aware of them. We would urge you as the public to also report any problems to the Highways Hotline. We thank you for your patience during the long road closure recently.

Planning applications have remained quiet with only a handful of new applications coming to the Council over the last year.

The Parish Council remains in a strong financial position although we take forward a smaller reserve than in previous years. A summary of our accounts is provided for you later in this newsletter so you can see where your precept has been spent. We have opted to leave the precept at the same level as last year which we believe will be welcome news.

As mentioned above, we have supported the Village Hall with projects and have made significant financial donations to them over the past year. We have also donated to help maintain the Churchyard as well as given a small donation to the Great North Air Ambulance. Don't forget that we will consider a grant application from any of our community groups as we do have a grant scheme in place - contact the Clerk if you would like further information about this.

Finally, I will end this report as in previous years by expressing my thanks to all the Councillors for their invaluable contribution, to the Clerk for her continued work and also to City Councillors Bowman and Bainbridge and County Councillor Mallinson for their support over the past year.

Linda Thompson, Chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The remaining dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2017 are as follows:

Wednesday 17 May

Wednesday 19 July

Wednesday 20 September

Wednesday 15 November

Please remember that until the official agenda is placed on the noticeboards and website (three clear days in advance) then any meeting date may still be subject to change.



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BORDER RAMBLER BUS SERVICE

The volunteer led bus service continues to operate in our parish every **Thursday**. Please do use this service to ensure it is able to continue! Find out more information at www.borderramblerbus.co.uk



LITTER PICKING

We are going to hold a community litter pick on **Wednesday 3rd May at 6.30pm**. Meet us at the Village Hall to help out!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Please do come along and tell us about any issues that affect our parish. We welcome everyone and look forward to seeing you there. We will begin our Annual Meeting of the Parish Council directly after it closes.

Stanwix Rural Parish Council present the

HOUGHTON SUMMER FAIR

Join us on the Village Green & in the Hall

*from 1pm to 5pm on
Saturday 1st July 2017*

Fancy Dress Parade, Professor Pumpernickel's Science Show, Police Dog Display, Mini Sports Day, Brampton Silver Band Concert, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Bouncy Castle, Slide, Climbing Wall, Face Painting, Table Top Sale, Car Boot Sale. Football Tournament, Refreshments, Bar, Ice Cream & Burgers!



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All attractions are subject to cancellation or change without notice. Pay point for a wristband for the attractions will be located in the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Please note these are as yet unaudited and therefore subject to change.

2015/16		2016/17
Income		
£5,000	Precept and CTRS Grant	£5,000
£1,863	Grants	£2,248
£20	Newsletter Advertising	£0
£318	Play Day Income	£207
£0	VAT reclaimed	£114
£7,201	TOTAL	£7,569
Expenditure		
£846	Administration & Maintenance	£1,884
£253	Newsletter	£398
£2,309	Projects	£3,586
£1,956	Clerks Salary & Reimbursements	£1,967
£647	Insurance (includes Village Hall)	£675
£86	VAT incurred	£318
£1000	Donations/Grants	£1,580
£7,097	TOTAL	£10,408
Summary		
£7,321	Balance Brought Forward	£7,424
£7,201	Add receipts	£7,569
£7,097	Less payments	£10,408
£7,424	Balance at 31 March	£4,585
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Chairman	Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer	

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Sarah Kyle (Clerk) Hill House, Walton, Brampton CA8 2DY www.scalebyparish.org.uk	01228 231124 (8.30am - 3.15pm Monday to Friday) scalebyparish@hotmail.co.uk
Highways Hotline	0300 303 2992
Police	101
Dog Fouling	01228 817559

Marilyn Bowman and James Bainbridge represent Scaleby on Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise, we can be contacted at:

Marilyn Bowman - Tel. **01228 561185** Email **MarilynB@carlisle.gov.uk**
James Bainbridge - Tel. **07896300997** Email **Jamesba@carlisle.gov.uk**

John Mallinson is your local County Councillor. If you have a County Council related issue which you wish to raise he can be contacted at:

john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk or on **01228 533 746**.

SCALEBY VILLAGE HALL

**Available for hire. Please contact the booking secretary,
Wenda Bowker on Tel: 01228 675745
or email: wendabowker@yahoo.co.uk**