

# Longstanton Parish Council Annual Report 2019/20



This report comes to you following my first year as Chairman of Longstanton Parish Council.

We have achieved a lot this year and much of what the Parish Council does sadly goes un-noticed. Due to the rather strange year we've had so far, unfortunately some of the things we hoped to achieve remain on our 'to do' list, but we'll get back to them as soon as conditions allow. I hope the information below provides some insight to the work we have been undertaking on your behalf.

## Finance

The precept request remained at £98,869 for 2019/20. Due to the increase in the number of dwellings on Northstowe, this saw a decrease of 21.87% on the average Band D property precept contribution. We continue to collect precept from Northstowe residents which will be returned to any council set up in Northstowe following the Community Governance Review currently being undertaken.

## Trees

After years of trying we finally received permission, and some funding, from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways to plant some trees on Home Farm Road. 45 trees have been planted and now in leaf are helping to create a lovely entry into the village from the A14 end. We continue to look for areas where we can plant more trees. Another 5 were planted on the Village Green along with 2 trees from SCDC.

## Spice Museum

Permission was gained from Steve Coogan (Alan Partridge) for 'Longstanton Spice Museum' to be created in the village. Work is ongoing to refurbish and create the 'museum' in an old K6 phone box.



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## Other notable work in 19/20

- Worked with sports groups and the community to upgrade the changing rooms at the Pavilion.
- Worked with SCDC on the ongoing Community Governance Review for the future governance of Longstanton and Northstowe.
- Managed to get SCDC to agree to fund a water 'expert' to look into the potential dewatering of the gravel seam which runs through the parish and the affect it has had on the natural landscape.
- Continue to provide events for the village with the help of the community including: annual litter pick, Open Air Cinema, Remembrance Day Parade and the Christmas Lights Switch On.
- Introduction of the '**Sustainability Working Group**' who are working towards '*Plastic Free Longstanton and Northstowe*', introduced Terracycle (3 programmes) to the village and other projects to follow.
- Community response to Covid-19.

Longstanton Parish Council is always eager to hear from residents, so feel free to contact Libby White our Parish Clerk, myself or any of the members of your Parish Council.

**Cllr Dan delaMare-Lyon** - Chairman

## Potential Community Build

During 2019, the Village Institute and Recreation Ground charities officially merged to become 'Longstanton Village Hall and Recreation Ground' (Charity no. 300408).

Though we continue to work towards a new building, we are still in active discussion with the landowner of the Recreation Ground Extension. The Village Hall charity will be sending out an update shortly about the work going on and proposed options for the community build, and they would love your input. Please keep an eye out and respond where you can.

The charity will be looking for the community to come forward and help with the project – please let us know if you are happy to help!

# Longstanton Parish Council

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

### Financial Summary

The majority of the income to the parish council comes in the form of the Precept (this is collected by South Cambridgeshire District Council and is included in the Council Tax payments) and receipt of S106\* money for Public Open Spaces (POS) and Community Facilities.

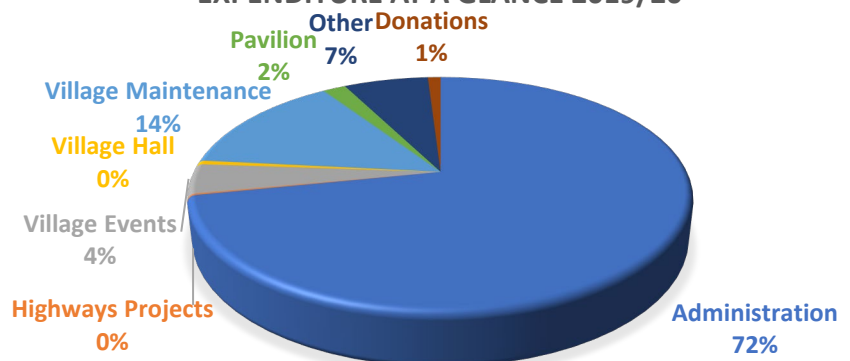
Earmarked Reserves were set up by Longstanton Parish Council in 2018 cover earmarked funds for village projects, Home Farm, S106, Pavilion, Youth Council and Elections.

Fund	General Fund £	Northstowe £	Earmarked Reserves £	Total £
Opening Balance	109,033	3,270	499,775	612,078
<b>Income</b>				
Precept	74,290	24,579	0	98,869
Interest Received	348	0	3,356	3,704
Village Event Income	3,602	0	0	3,602
Other Income	11,652	910	8,750	21,312
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>89,892</b>	<b>25,489</b>	<b>12,106</b>	<b>127,487</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Admin, Staff, Insurance, etc.	37,393	11,581	150,000	198,974
Village Maintenance	33,440	0	5,520	38,960
Village Events	9,023	2,494	0	11,517
Pavilion	0	0	4,920	4,920
Village Hall	1,453	0	0	1,453
Highways Projects	376	115	0	491
Donations	2,169	569	0	2,738
Other	412	0	17,728	18,140
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>84,266</b>	<b>14,759</b>	<b>178,168</b>	<b>277,193</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>114,659</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>333,713</b>	<b>462,372</b>

#### \*S106

Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) commonly known as S106 Agreements are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable. They are focused on the site specific mitigation of the impact of the development.

#### EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE 2019/20



# Longstanton Parish Council

What have we been doing? Where has your money been spent?

How have we contributed to the parish of Longstanton?

## COUNCILLORS

11 unpaid elected/co-opted) Councillors who 'hold a seat in public office' attending at least 11 meetings per year (held second Monday of the month except August).

## PARISH CLERK

The only employed member of staff, Libby White is a qualified Clerk having completed Level 4 Certificate in Higher Education in Community Governance and working towards Level 5, Foundation Degree.

## COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

Councillors serve on a variety of committees and working groups including: Employment Committee, Finance Committee, Pavilion Working Group (WG), Sustainability WG and Village Events WG.

## CHARITIES

Longstanton Parish Council is sole trustee of Longstanton Village Hall and Recreation Ground and the Gravel Pit charities.

## GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Longstanton Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence to gain wider powers to deliver more for Longstanton.



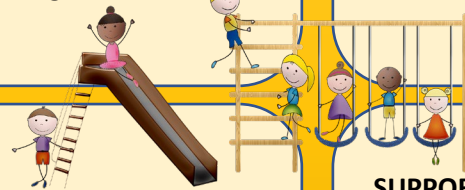
## PLANNING

Over the year, 92 planning applications have been considered at full council or planning meetings. 43 of these were for Northstowe.



## VILLAGE EVENTS

Co-ordinated various community events including Annual Litter Pick, Open Air Cinema including the Big Weekend, Remembrance Sunday Parade and Christmas Lights Switch On.



## PLAYGROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES

We maintained the Recreation Ground and two equipped areas of play on Duddle Drive.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL GROUPS

We continue to support Music Madness, Little Leprechauns, Rainbow Baby Club and Longstanton & District Heritage Society in costs for hall hire.

## GRANTS

Awarded a total of £2,712 in donations/grants to First Responders, Bobby Scheme, Friends of St Michaels, British Legion Poppy Appeal, Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch and Magpas.

## PRECEPT

Though an increase in precept to £99,430 for 2020/21 this means a decrease of £7.59 for the average Band D property compared to the equivalent charge for 2019/20.

## CEMETERY

Hatton Road Cemetery is managed and maintained by us. There was one burial in the cemetery during the year.



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