

Longstanton Parish Council

Annual Report 2018/19



Welcome to the Parish Council's Annual Report for 2019

We use this report to provide a summary of work that your parish council has undertaken in the last year and what they are looking to do over the next 12 months.

Finance

The Precept requested for this financial year was £98,869, a **decrease** of £4,359 on 2018/19. We continue to collect the precept from Northstowe residents and the money allocated for Northstowe residents will be returned to Northstowe Town Council (once set up) if it has not been spent on Northstowe in the meantime. Even with the ongoing increase in numbers of homes in the village, including Northstowe, there is a 21.78% decrease in the average Band D property precept contribution.

Community-Led Plan

Longstanton Parish Council (LPC) has worked with residents of the village to create a questionnaire to find out the views of residents. With a 24% response rate, a presentation was made to the Annual Parish Meeting in April to provide an overview of the information gathered. This information will help the parish create a plan for the next 5 years.

Double Yellow Lines

Following the installation by LPC of the double yellow lines outside the Co-op, parking remains a concern for residents outside the Co-op and by the school. In the absence of police resource to monitor the area, LPC is looking at other measures we can use to highlight these areas and deter inconsiderate and illegal parking.

Other notable work in 2018/19:

- The Parish Clerk completed the Level 4, Certificate in Higher Education in Community Governance with Distinction.
- LPC continues to cut the highway verges on behalf of the County Council (monthly cuts introduced in 2018).
- Introduction of the Open Air Cinema.



Enchanted Cinema,
2018

- New website for the village launched Dec 2018— www.longstanton-pc.gov.uk.
- First Remembrance Sunday parade through the village.
- Taking an active role in discussions on Northstowe and working with relevant bodies now that construction is well underway and residents continue to move in.
- Assisted the launch of the Community-Led Plan project.
- Working with residents and other bodies with respect to the potential dewatering of Northstowe Phase 1 and the effects on Longstanton village.
- New Councillors continue to receive training.

In progress for 2019/20

- Continuing discussions on the adoption of Home Farm open spaces and roads .
- Helping with the new Longstanton Big Weekend.
- Implementation of a village Emergency Plan.
- Attempting to get permission for a 'Longstanton Spice Museum'.
- Continuing to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council on the Northstowe Development.

All that we do can only be achieved with the hard work and commitment of our Parish Clerk, Councillors and willing volunteers from the village. Thank you.

Cllr Dan delaMare-Lyon, Chairman - May 2019

Potential Community Build

Following advice from solicitors, LPC has had confirmation from the Charities Commission that Longstanton Village Institute and Longstanton Recreation Ground charities can merge, becoming 'Longstanton Village Hall and Recreation Ground' charity. Permission is being sought to see if the land where the Village Institute sits can be sold to provide funding towards a new build.

87% of respondents to the questionnaire said that they would like the village to work towards a new building. Therefore, we are working on an new tender document to replace the current Pavilion and Village Institute buildings with similar facilities on one site. A second document will be created with the needs of the village included (from the results of the questionnaire).

Discussions are ongoing with the landowner about the potential to hand over the Recreation Ground Extension to LPC.

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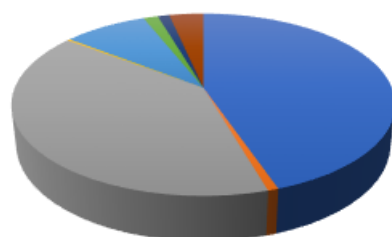
Income and Expenditure Account - *For Year Ended: 31 March 2019* Financial Summary

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 Council Tax payments) and receipt of S106* money for Public Open Spaces (POS) and Community Facilities.

In 2018, LPC set up a number of earmarked reserves to cover earmarked funds for village projects, Home Farm, S106, Pavilion, Youth Council and Elections.

Fund	General Fund £	Northstowe £	Earmarked Reserves £	Total £
Opening Balance	127,889	0	482,618	610,517
Income				
Precept	94,446	8,782	0	103,228
Interest Received	1,662	0	1,560	3,222
Village Event Income	1,634	134	0	1,768
Other Income	4,196	0	4,859	9,055
Total Income	101,926	8,928	6,419	117,273
Expenditure				
Admin, Staff, Insurance, etc.	47,793	3,764	151	51,708
Village Maintenance	40,735	0	5,300	46,035
Village Events	8,913	829	0	9,743
Pavilion	0	0	325	325
Village Institute	1,353	0	0	1,353
Highways Projects	1,694	0	0	1,694
Donations	3,020	954	0	3,974
Other	879	0	0	879
Total Expenditure	104,387	5,547	5,776	115,711
Fund Transfers	(18,013)	0	18,013	0
Closing Balance	107,536	3,269	501,274	612,079
Total Bank Balances				613,535

Expenditure at a Glance 2018/19



* 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 site specific mitigation of the impact of the development.

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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 meeting per year (held second Monday of the month except August)

PARISH CLERK

The only employed member of staff, Libby White has completed her Level 4 Certificate in Higher Education in Community Governance.
Well done!

COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

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

CHARITIES

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



POWER OF COMPETENCE

LPC adopted the General Power of Competence to gain wider powers to deliver more for Longstanton. To hold this, we need 2/3 elected members and a qualified Clerk.



LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE

In response to resident concerns, along with Oakington & Westwick, we were successful in applying for a Local Highways grant and purchased a mobile speed sign.

PLANNING

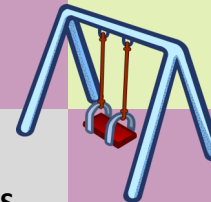
Over the year, 85 planning applications were considered at full council or planning meetings. 34 of these were for Northstowe.

VILLAGE EVENTS

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

PLAYGROUNDS AND OPEN SPACES

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



COMMUNITY-LED PLAN

We have supported the Community-Led Plan group in their ongoing work to get a 5 year plan created for the village.

SUPPORTING LOCAL GROUPS

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

YOUTH COUNCIL

We have a Youth Council who organise the Youth Club (on a Tuesday in term time) and events to raise money for youth projects.

GRANTS

Awarded a total of £3,935.80 in donations/grants to Magpas Air Ambulance, British Legion Poppy Appeal, Senior Citizen's Christmas Party, Northstowe Social Committee, Northstowe Sports & Wellbeing Committee and Home Start.



PRECEPT

Reduced the precept to £98,869 meaning a 21.78% decrease for the average Band D property compared to the equivalent charge for 2018/19.

CEMETERY

Hatton Road Cemetery is managed and maintained by us. There were no burials in the cemetery during the year.

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