

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Parish Council operates a controlled system for recording and presenting financial information. The Parish Council accounts are subject to both an independent Internal and External audit each year and Annual Returns are prepared and submitted to the Audit Commission. The audit for the year ended March 2013 was concluded successfully with no matters arising. As part of an annual review of Parish Council activities, a risk assessment is undertaken annually in line with reviewing insurance arrangements together with a review of the effectiveness of the internal audit. All financial and regulatory information is prepared and submitted in accordance with required deadlines.

### Summary of 2013/4 Finances (Audited)

	£
<b>Balance/Reserves B/F 1 April 2013</b>	<b>13848-00</b>
<u>Receipts</u>	
Precept	10130-00
VAT Rebate	709-88
Investment Income	10-96
Sport England Grant	52942-00
Bowling Club Donation to New Club House	3037-00
Donation towards defibrillator	457-40
Parish Champion Grant	350-00
Other	65-91
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>67703- 15</b>
<u>Payments</u>	
Administration	532-43
Audit	150-00
Best Kept Village Competition	15-00
Bowling Club Donation	1219-17
Employees	1795-08
Grounds Maintenance	2385-00
Insurance	637-55
Room Hire	250-00
Publications	180-00
Subscriptions	133-96
Training	70-00
Wreath	26-00
Website	100-00
Play Area	59-95
Gordon Gregg Memorial Bench	804-16
Bowling Club House	55979-00
VAT	748.10
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>65085-43</b>
<b>Balance/Reserves C/F 1 April</b>	<b>16465-44</b>

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

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## **CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW**

During the course of the year the Parish Council has carried out a survey of the views of residents, responded to planning applications, seen the Apiary and Play Area receive awards under the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition, been able to congratulate Dave Ryding on his performance in the Winter Olympics, encouraged the raising of funds for a village defibrillator, held A Fun Day in conjunction with the Bowling Club, and seen the Gordon Gregg Memorial Bench put in place; for which the Parish Council is grateful to all those who donated and to Brenda and Brian Anderton for their help in the purchase and installation.

As Chairman I had the pleasure of opening the Bowling Club House, but on a less positive note felt it necessary to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposed fertilizer lagoon, off Eyes Lane; a development which the Parish Council will strenuously oppose, to protect our village

*Wayne Jackson*

## **SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES**

### **Council Meetings and Membership**

Bretherton Parish Council met for its Annual Meeting in May 2013 when Councillor Wayne Jackson was appointed as Chairman and Cllr John Pigott as Vice Chairman.

Nine ordinary parish council meetings and one Extraordinary Meeting were held during the year; along with one budget meeting. Membership was constant with six members through most of the year. All statutory notices and agendas were

posted on the Parish Council notice boards and on the Council's website.

### **Value for Money**

The Parish Council annually set a Parish Precept to finance its activities and administration which is collected by Chorley Borough Council as part of the Council Tax. The Parish Council has now set its budget for 2014-15; the Precept for 2014-15 is £9370 which for an average Band D property in the village is £33-95 per annum. This is a decrease of £2-88p, from the previous year.

Whilst the reserves at the end of the financial year were £16465, most of this amount relates to special projects and maintenance funds.

### **Engaging with Residents**

Bretherton Parish Council has an active programme of engagement with residents by various modes of communication; such as its newsletter and website. The parish council notice boards also continue to be a vital source of community information. The notice board at the Apiary was unfortunately damaged during a storm and is shortly to be replaced

### **Striving for Quality Council Status**

The Parish Council is continuing to work towards the criteria which must be met to apply for Quality Council status.

### **Recreation Ground**

The new Bowling Club House was delivered and installed in July 2013 and, following an official opening at the beginning of September, has since been in regular use by Bretherton Bowling Club

and Bretherton Buzzards Boules Team. The building, which was financed by a Sport England Inspired Facilities grant of £52,942 with no cost to the Parish Council is also available for the use of other community groups in the village. The Parish Council and Bowling Club are now looking at the financing of a Pavilion Roof on the front of the building to provide shelter for spectators in bad weather.

The new play area continues to be very popular with local and visiting families, particularly in summer evenings after school. The Parish Councillors continue to personally monitor the safety of the site on a weekly basis to ensure a high standard is maintained. During the last year, the Play Area has received an award from Chorley Civic Society and was voted "Best Kept Children's Play Area" in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

### **Road Safety**

The Parish Council continue to give a high priority to the improvement of road safety in the village with the deployment of the "smiley face" Speed Indicator Device at various locations. Though so far unsuccessful, we continue to press for a 30 mph speed limit on the western end of North Road.

We would like to thank Brian Monk for his continued support in managing the deployment of the SpID.

### **Thank You.**

The Parish Council is grateful to Chris Naylor who very kindly printed 2 editions of the Newsletter, free of charge during this financial year.