

## 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 2016 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 2016-17 Finances (Not yet Audited)

Balance/Reserves B/F 1	£
<b>April 2016</b>	<b>14703</b>
<u>Receipts</u>	
Precept	10116-00
Top up Grant	414-00
VAT Rebate	3159-61
Investment Income	7-77
Grant for War Memorial	2000-00
Donations	3810-00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>34309</b>
<u>Payments</u>	
Administration	692-73
Audit	150-00
Best Kept Village Competition	15-00
Bowling Club Grant	1220-00
Equipment Maintenance	322-26
Employees	2008-13
Election Expenses	500-00
Grounds Maintenance	3227-92
Insurance	502-14
Room Hire	275-00
Training	25-00
Publications	438-79
Subscriptions	123-58
Wreath	26-00
Website	204-00
Play Area	770-50
War Memorial	500-00
Other grants	2047-60
VAT	1048-38
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>14672-21</b>
<b>Balance/Reserves C/F</b>	<b>20888-00</b>

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

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## **CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW**

During the course of the year a major area of work has been the War Memorial, which is an important feature of the village, reminding everyone of the sacrifices made. In May an Extraordinary Meeting was held, at which offers of help from many village residents were received and a Working Group was set up. As a result it was decided not to pursue a grant application to the War Memorials Trust. A consultation exercise was undertaken to obtain the views of residents on how the area surrounding the War Memorial should be landscaped. A total of 192 votes were received, with the choice of a wall being the most popular. The Parish Council accepted the wishes of the village and plans are to be developed to include the building a stone wall around the existing monument and flagging the area. Donations have been received and are still being received from village residents and organisations. Chorley Council gave a grant of £2000 and pledges of substantial donations have been received from Lord Lilford and GA Pet Food Partners.

Concern was expressed at the diminution of the service at Chorley Hospital Accident and Emergency Department due to staff shortages and difficulties in recruiting suitably qualified staff.

Clean up days were held to improve the appearance of the village and the Bretherton once again entered the Best Kept Village Competition, with the cooperation of residents, local businesses and organisations.

The Parish Council gave a grant to support the village celebrations to commemorate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to enable the whole village to enjoy the event.

Karen Wait; Chair

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

### **Council Meetings and Membership**

Bretherton Parish Council met for its Annual Meeting in May 2016 when Councillor Karen Wait was appointed as Chairman and Councillor Barbara Farbon as Vice Chairman.

Ten ordinary parish council meetings and one Extraordinary meeting along with one budget meeting were held. 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 2017-18; the Precept for 2017-18 is £16900. This is an increase of £6370 from the 2016-17 financial year, and is due in the main, to the provision of a grant for the Cricket Club, which will eventually provide additional community facilities for the village. The grant is subject to conditions and will not be paid unless these are met. Whilst the Reserves at the end of the financial year were £20888 most of this amount relates to maintenance funds and special projects.

### **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.

### **Recreation Ground**

The play area continues to be very popular with local and visiting families, particularly on summer evenings after school and the Parish Councillors continue to personally monitor the safety of the site on a weekly basis to ensure a high standard is maintained.

### **Transport Survey**

A Transport Survey was undertaken last year and as a result, a path between the Blue Anchor and Recreation Ground has been created and Lancashire County Council is to provide a footpath between Bretherton and Croston. The Parish Council continues to give a high priority to the improvement of road safety in the village. Whilst, we continue to press for a 30 mph speed limit on the western end of North Road, the Parish Council continue to be disappointed at the lack of support and action from Lancashire County Council.

We are grateful to John Pigott and the SPID team for helping to deter irresponsible drivers.

With the demise of the Bus Service, information about Dial-a-Ride was provided to residents

### **Thank you;**

The Parish Council is grateful to R and E Bamford Ltd who have kindly sponsored the Newsletter for a 12 month period and to all those who give of their time and materials to help maintain the village and its amenities.