

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 2012 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 2012/13 Finances (Audited)

	£
Balance/Reserves B/F 1 April 2012	14692-00

Receipts

Precept	9680-00
VAT Rebate	412-50
Investment Income	9-36
Donations to Gordon Gregg	
Memorial Fund	660-00
Other	250-00

Total Receipts	11011-86
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Payments

Administration	501-92
Audit	530-00
Best Kept Village Competition	12-00
Bowling Club Donation	1300-00
Employees	1777-32
Grounds Maintenance	2860-00
Insurance	585-09
Room Hire	50-00
Subscriptions	194.54
Training	370-00
War Memorial	350-00
Wreath for War Memorial	26-00
Play Area	2973-90
VAT	709-88
Total Payments	11855-66

Balance/Reserves C/F 1 April 2013	13848-00
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ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13

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CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

During the course of the year the Parish Council agreed a new Code of Conduct for members in line with changes in legislation affecting Local Authorities.

Responses were made to a wide range of consultation documents related to Planning.

Major refurbishment of the War Memorial was carried out.

Cllr Jackson has attended the PACT Meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

Memorial Bench for Gordon Gregg.

We now have permission from the various authorities for the placement of a circular bench, adjacent to the "Transit of Venus" stone, which will be installed shortly. Hopefully this will provide a resting place for many who knew Gordon and his work in the community as well as many others, either new to the village or simply passing through, who were not acquainted with this delightful gentleman. The Parish Council is very grateful to all those who donated so generously

Cllr Simon Moulton

SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

Council Meetings and Membership

Bretherton Parish Council met for its Annual Meeting in May 2012 when Councillor Simon Moulton was appointed as Chairman and Cllr Wayne Jackson as Vice Chairman.

Nine ordinary parish council meetings 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 2013-14; the Precept for 2013-14 is £10130 which for an average Band D property in the village is £34-82 per annum. This is a rise of £1-61p, from the previous year.

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 and we currently have two situated on Pompian Brow and The Apiary, which are regularly updated. During the course of the year Chris Naylor has very kindly printed the Newsletters free of charge

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

Last summer, the Parish Council heard that they had been successful in their application for a Sport England Inspired Facilities grant to replace the existing Bowling Green Cabin with a new Clubhouse

The total Sport England grant will be £52,942 with no cost to the Parish Council. The total cost of the project will be £58,562 of which the Bowling Club will contribute £5,620. Responsibility for the maintenance will be delegated to Bretherton Bowling Club, but the Parish Council will retain ownership of the building. Planning permission for the new building was received at the end of April and it is hoped that the building will be installed and ready for use in early June.

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 emptying the waste bins on a weekly basis to ensure a high standard is maintained.

The Parish Council have investigated the conversion of the existing tennis courts into a multi use games area (MUGA) but the project is currently on hold until funding opportunities materialise.

Road Safety

High priority is given to the improvement of road safety with the deployment of the "smiley face" Speed Indicator Device at various locations. Data collected has been used as evidence to Lancashire CC in our request for a 30mph speed limit on North Road, between Carr House Lane and Canal Leach. We would like to thank Brian Monk for his continued support in managing the deployment of the SpID during the last twelve months.