



Stetchworth Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

Chairman's Summary May 2024

This is my first annual report, having been elected to the chair in May 2023.

Thank you, to our Clerk and all our Councillors for all their work over the last year. And thanks to Michael Whymer for his work on checking the playground equipment at the Ellesmere Centre and for spreading woodchip on some of our footpaths. And to Councillor France for raising the flag at the appropriate times during the year.

As well as our normal grass cutting, we have had some tree and shrub maintenance completed around the Ellesmere Centre and also outside the electricity sub-station on Church Lane.

We have installed of a new streetlight on Church Lane to improve the lighting.

A local football team has also been using the football pitch on Sundays which required additional grass cutting and this has gone down very well.

We have also contributed to the village newsletter, the church portable toilet and the replacement defibrillator at the Ellesmere Centre.

We were also successful in applying for a portable speed indication sign, to be used throughout the village, we are awaiting delivery. Thanks to Councillor Sharp for his work on this matter.

Wayne Bell
Chairman of Stetchworth Parish Council

WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Stetchworth Parish Council has 7 unpaid Councillors representing an electorate of 486. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, litter bins, dog waste bins, seats, bus stops and some street lighting) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children's play area, the Village Green and Recreational Field.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village wherever possible.

Stetchworth Parish Council Year End Accounts

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2024

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| Cash in Hand 01/04/2023 | | 32,581.78 |
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| Receipts 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024 | | 19,955.83 |
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| Payments 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024 | | 19,715.80 |
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| Cash in Hand 31/03/2024 (per Cash Book) | | 32,821.81 |
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Cash in hand per Bank Statements

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| Petty Cash | 31/03/2024 | 25.45 |
| Cambridge Building Society | 31/03/2024 | 25,915.54 |
| Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account | 31/03/2024 | 6,877.82 |

32,821.81

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| Less unrepresented payments | | 0 |
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38444.75

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| Plus unrepresented receipts | | 0 |
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| Adjusted Bank Balance | | 32,821.81 |
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YOUR CURRENT PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

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