

## Stamford Bridge Parish Council

### Annual Report 2014/15

#### 1. Introduction

Welcome to the Stamford Bridge Parish Council Annual Report. The report outlines the activities of the Parish Council during the year. If you wish to comment on this report, you can do so either by emailing The Clerk, Dave King, at [clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk) or by letter to The Clerk to The Stamford Bridge Parish Council, Old Station House, 24 Church Road, Stamford Bridge, YO41 1DG

#### 2. Parish Council Members:

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The Parish Council (PC) meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards and minutes of meetings can be found on the PC web <http://www.stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk>

Residents are welcome to attend PC meetings and may speak to the Council during 'Public Participation'. Please check the venue of the meetings as this varies from month to month.

Councillors are available to meet residents privately to discuss matters of a confidential nature. All Parish Councillors have signed the Code of Conduct declaration with regard to their personal and pecuniary interests in the village.

#### 3. Finance

The PC is responsible for setting the Parish Council Tax (precept) and to ensure that all receipts and payments are managed to the highest possible standards. The accounts of the PC are subject to Internal and External audits. At the time of this report going to print, the accounts have been approved by the Internal Auditor.

Summary of Receipts and Payments year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015:

<u>Receipts</u>	£	<u>Payments</u>	£
Balance b/f	36,236	Employment	21,658
Precepts	50,000	Office costs	2,340
Misc receipts	1,428	Professional fees	1,677
VAT Refund	1,933	Training & Travel	409
ERYC grant	1,612	Loan Repayment	3,671
Paths grant	403	Street lights	390
		Square Christmas	3,175
		Annual Donation	4,587
		Parish Paths	540
		Misc costs	4,058
		Winter gritting	0
		Precept projects	1,510
		VAT	1,693
		Balance c/f	45,904
Total	91,612	Total	91,612

Notes re accounts:

(i). The large increase in the year end c/f was due to (a) the PC not having to spend cash on winter gritting due to the very mild winter and (b) a number

of invoices for expenditure not being received by the year end.

(ii). Residents are entitled to inspect the books of account at any time during the year by making an appointment with the Clerk to the Council.

#### 4. Planning

At the time of going to print, the Parish Council is still awaiting to hear the outcome of the Planning Inspectors response to the ERYC amended Local Plan. The following planning applications have been submitted to ERYC:

- 4.1 A166 South of Burtonfields Estate – approx 200 homes
- 4.2 A166 North beyond St Edmunds – approx 100 homes
- 4.3 Right hand side of Low Catton Road beyond Hunstmans Lane – approx 100 homes
- 4.4 Former Grange Nursing Home, Low Catton Road – 24 age specific apartments

#### 5. Community Engagement

The PC again provided the Christmas Lights for the village centre and the ‘switch on’ event in the Square was well attended. The Over 60’s party in the Village Hall was a great success with all tickets taken up and the PC is grateful to the volunteers from the community, who helped to prepare and serve the refreshments.

At the Annual Parish Meeting more than twenty clubs / groups presented reports on their activities over the last year and the PC presented awards to a number of young people for their work in the village.

In late November, the children and teachers of the school joined representatives of the PC , Village In Bloom, Playing Fields Association, Junior Football in planting a Community Orchard. The cost of the trees was funded by grants from the Trees Council and the PC..

During the year, the PC made grants to the Community Swimming Pool to help with the cost of updating the pool, the Youth Group to re-furbish their meeting room and Village in Bloom for the Railway Heritage Project on the Sustrans Path near the Station Club.

The PC again provided support to the Remembrance Day Parade organised by the British Legion

In response to complaints about dog dirt, the PC installed a further three bins and most areas of the village now have access to a bin. The PC has funded the Shallows lighting scheme in an effort to enhance the village centre and support local retailers.

#### 6. Training & Development

The PC is committed to developing its skills and knowledge and during the year a number of training courses were attended by Parish Councillors and its Clerk and it is hoped to continue this during the New Year.

#### 7. Liaison

Regular contact is maintained with Humberside Police and with ERYC Ward Councillors. The PC is a member of the Local Council Association (ERNLLCA) and participates at area meetings on a regular basis. PC representatives regularly attend Police liaison meetings held in the area and frequently participates in the ERYC Community Partnership meetings.

## 8. York Plusnet Marathon

October will see the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plusnet Marathon use Stamford Bridge as its halfway turning point and Main Spectator Hub.

As in previous years this historic village will see an influx of spectators from all over the region. The Square and A166 towards York will again be closed for most of the day, but the PC hope this minor disruption is generally regarded as well worth the enjoyment experienced by those spectators who line the route, from the Square all the way up to and beyond the viaduct.

In the weeks to come, the PC will keep residents informed of any road and parking restrictions, and will continue to encourage Groups and Clubs to use the Square to promote their activities. Use of the Square will be on a first come first served basis so requests to the Clerk of the Council ASAP would be much appreciated

## 9. Tour de Yorkshire

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, day two of The Tour of Yorkshire passed through our historic village. Those who witnessed last year's Grand Depart may have been expecting a 'larger circus' but were encouraged to see Sir Bradley Wiggins form his own team to compete in this event. By lunchtime,- the road through the village was lined with spectators, particularly around the Square and bridge and there was a great carnival atmosphere.

The 'Tour' has a 10 year contract in Yorkshire with Stamford Bridge gaining a mention for being 'well supported'. The PC has written to the event organisers, thanking them for bringing the event through the village and requesting that we be considered for inclusion in future events. With community support your PC will continue to strive to bring events such as this to our village.

## 10. PC web site

The improved PC web site (<http://www.stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk>) has now been operating for about two years. A recent report prepared for the PC showed that the web site is being accessed by the public on a very regular basis; recently, the number of visitors to the site has exceeded 600 per month. The web site contains many useful links to other voluntary groups in the village and provides a monthly update on 'What's On' in the village'

## 10. Feedback

Please let us know what you think of this report. Have we missed anything? You can send your feedback to The Clerk by email at [clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stamfordbridge-pc.gov.uk) or by letter to The Clerk to the Parish Council, Old Station House, 24 Church Road, Stamford Bridge, Y041 1DG.

## 11. Chairman's Statement

It has been another busy year for the PC with a great deal of time taken up dealing with potential housing developments. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their efforts and commitment during the year.