TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

List of council members and officers
Chairman (2009/2010)
Michael Alderman—732567
Vice Chairman Ian Teague—734568
Councillors
Mrs Gina Gaskin—732430
Mrs Sylvia Prestwich—732712
Mrs Julie Cheney—732479
Mr Ian Curtis—732999
Mr John Greig—732362
Mr Geoff Love—734866
Mr Bert Ash—735769

Parish Clerk
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Communication
The Parish Council has a notice board outside the Clubroom. It also sponsors a bi-monthly newsletter called Titchmarsh Times, for the village and has a website to keep residents up to date with its work: www.titchmarsh.info
Residents are very welcome to attend meetings and to contact Councillors and Clerk with issues of concern.

Chairman's Report
I was very pleased and honoured to be elected once again as Chairman of Titchmarsh Parish Council for the year 2009/2010. The past year has been challenging, exciting and at times frustrating, but I do enjoy a challenge and working with and for the local community. Thank you to all who attended the Annual Parish Council meeting this year and made the evening so successful.
Being elected as a councillor does not come with all the solutions to the community's problems - I wish it did, but by working together as a team and combining energies and skills, this can only help to improve the quality of life and the environment for the residents of Titchmarsh. Having an active Parish Council that has a close relationship with it's community, must surely benefit us all. Please be assured we do our very best at all times when acting on your behalf.

Michael Alderman
Outgoing Chairman Titchmarsh Parish Council

The Parish Council

The Parish Council comprises of 9 councillors who are elected every 4 years. Councillors are unpaid and are governed by a mandatory code of conduct which includes an obligation to act in an appropriate manner. The next parish Councils elections will take place May 2011, look out for further details.

The Parish Council provides a local voice for its residents; each Parish Council differs in the work it carried out. The majority of work carried out includes, finance, forward planning, general purpose, planning applications, allotments, street lighting and affordable housing. The Parish council also works with Highways and lighting representatives deal with road, transport and street lighting issues; there is also a Parish Path Warden. Police Liaison Officer and Safer

Meetings

11 Council meetings were held during the year, in addition to the statutory Annual Parish meeting which was held on 30 April 2009. In addition, a public meeting attended by many of the parish was also held in January 2010 which enabled input from the electorate regarding their views on the proposed Affordable Housing scheme in Tofts Close and also the Conservation Area designation planned for the village.

All meetings are open to the public and the Parish Council are delighted to have residents attend. The public are allowed to speak on a topic on the agenda for a maximum f 5 minutes, in the allocated public open time slot at the start of all meetings. Notice of meetings and the agenda are displayed on the Parish notice board outside the clubroom and on the Parish Council website approximately one week prior to the meeting. District Councillor Phillip Hardcastle our Ward Member attended meetings and continued to play an integral role in Parish Council business throughout the year.

The Parish Council also provides the following services:-

- Responsibility for 2 allotment sites within the village amounting to 52 individual plots
- Engine House which houses the village shop
- Maintenance of street lighting
- Maintenance of public seats
- Payment towards extra grass verge cutting over above those already carried out
- Production of "Welcome Packs" for new residents to the village
- Funding of the bi-monthly Titchmarsh Times newsletter
- Funding of the village website

Playing Field Pavilion

This superb asset to the village is already being used by many organisations and groups within the village. Provision of this building has only been made possible by the sheer hard work and dedication of the Playing Field Association and the financial support received from various funders, such as The Football Foundation, Northamptonshire County council, East Northamptonshire council and Community Aggregates Fund. The land on which the building is situated is leased and funded by the Parish Council. Please feel free to visit the pavilion and take a look at what this asset to the village has to offer.

If you are interested in renting an allotment plot please register your name and details with the Parish Clerk who will contact you when a plot is available

Allotments

We now have 42 plots at Islington allotments, the new gardeners have transformed their plots and the site is looking fantastic. Tofts allotment ground continues to maintain is extremely high standard of presentation with just 10 plots on this smaller site.

Dog Fouling

This still proves to be a problem within the village. The Parish Council have purchased a number of dog poo bins which have been erected around various locations within the parish. Can all dog owners please ensure that these are used.

Village Planters

Maggie Chapman continues to maintain the planters at the four entrances to the village and they look great travelling in to the village. Thank you Maggie for your hard work

Parish Council Website

www.titchmarsh.info

The website offers lots of details and information about the village and Parish Council. The agenda and minutes are available to view online. Would you like a web page for your group ? Pages can be added to the website. Contact the Clerk for more information

Highways

The Parish Council has continued its efforts to tackle the problem of HGV's travelling inappropriately through the village especially through Islington passed the Alms Houses. We have been successful in making lorry parking illegal from the A605 along Islington to Titchmarsh This was achieved by negotiating with Northants County Council who obtained a Traffic Regulation Order forbidding lorry parking along the stretch of road between the roundabout at the top of Huntingdon Road where it intersects with Oundle Road along Huntingdon Road. I am sure you will agree that now the lorry parking at Huntingdon Road has reduced together with the numbers of lorries entering in to the village via Islington.

Daffodils

The Parish Council have funded the planting of more daffodils around the village giving a wonderful display in Spring. Thank you also to those kind members of village who volunteered to help with the planting of the bulbs back in October. The annual planting will take place this October, all volunteers welcome

Christmas Tree

It seems a while ago to cast our minds back to the tree erected in December on the village green. The support for the carols around the tree increases every year. Thank you for those who attended and also for members of the Playing Field Association who assisted with the erection and decoration of the tree with lights. Another tree will be erected at the end of the year, funded by the Parish Council

Consultations

The Parish Council responded to many consultation documents and surveys from various authorities, relating to both local and national issues, during the year.

County and local events

The Parish Council sent representatives to meetings held by CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England), Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire County Council, East Northamptonshire Council, and Alconbury Airbase. These meetings give the Parish Council a chance to keep up to date regarding local issues affecting the Parish.

Reporting and Information on line

Planning applications maybe viewed on line via the East Northamptonshire Council website (www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk).

To report any local highways issues, such as defects to the roads and footways, signage, drainage and street furniture etc please contact :-
streetdoctor@northamponshire.gov.uk

If you spot a problem with a streetlight in the village please report this to the Parish Clerk

And Finally:-

Thank you for taking the trouble to read our Annual Report. The Parish Council is here to serve everyone in the area, so if you have any views or ideas on the work of the Parish Council, please let us know as we are interested to hear them. Suggestions for new projects we could take up in the future are also welcome. Contact by way of the Clerk.

We are also here to represent the views of the residents, so if there are any issues you would like the Council to take up on your behalf, do let us know and we will do our best for you.

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Receipts & Payments Account for Year Ended 31st March 2010

year end 31.3.2009	Receipts	2010
15,000.00	Precept	10,300.00
2,834.99	VAT refund	2,911.15
100.00	Engine House rent	100.00
786.00	Allotments rent	790.00
707.31	Northants CC - grass cutting grant	724.99
139.06	Bank interest	0.01
100.00	Inland Revenue - on line payroll filing - incentive payments	75.00
146.25	Bursary for Clerk's course fees	-
147.00	Merchant Venturers contrib to cost of allotment gate	-
3,105.08	PFA contrib to net costs of:- Ground care & PF grass cutting bills	4,010.00
23,065.69	**Total**	**18,911.15**

year end 31.3.2009	Payments	2010 Gross
39.37	Aylesbury Mains - Lighting maintenance	-
1,295.56	EON - Public Lighting electricity	1,522.15
817.49	Carnes Co - insurance premium	948.77
728.30	Internal & External audit fees	466.67
2,465.26	Clerks salary	2,876.30
613.90	Office expenses & publications	753.94
147.48	Chairmans expenses (inc APM refreshments)	93.58
195.00	Course fees & expenses	54.60
115.10	Titchmarsh Times production costs	82.57
27.50	Welcome Packs costs	36.85
44.16	Titchmarsh Village website domain registration costs	66.77
310.75	Clubroom/Pavilion - rent for holding Council meetings & other meetings	348.00
616.80	Merchant Venturers - Allotments rent	324.00
236.00	SLCC/NALC/ACRE annual subscriptions	243.05
5.00	ACRE - Village of the Year entry fee (cheque stub error)	-
3,340.17	ENC Grass cutting	2,545.13
332.50	Maintenance - repairs to seat by School	115.00
440.62	Fixtures & Fittings - Playing Field direction sign	200.00
12,031.14	" " - supply & install 7 new streetlights & 6 streetlight colums	-
1,664.29	Transfer of funds to Playing Field Committee	-
3,648.47	Gross costs of PFA costs:- Ground Care & grass cutting	4,611.50
88.19	Bosworths - Village Christmas tree	-
-	Merchant Venturers for rent of Playing Field	372.00
29,193.05	**Total expenditure**	**15,660.88**