

Hibaldstow Annual Parish Meeting - Chairman's report 2018/19

Following the resignation of Sarah Anderson an election was held resulting in Mark Sacker being elected, this was followed by the resignation of Sarah Dobbs. The Parish Council ends the current year with ten councillors.

Your council continues to support the community with donations to the Perry's Bowls Club, Cricket Club and continue to encourage residents to take a pride in the village by providing flower beds, hanging baskets and entering the Annual CPRE - Best Kept Village Competition.

The PC have now taken on the responsibility and maintenance of Dallison's Park, a decision which was not unanimous, and have refurbished the area and provided new play equipment. It is sad to report that this is not appreciated by certain persons who have deposited broken glass in the children's play area and maliciously vandalized a swing seat, thus substantiating the reasons why this project was not fully supported.

The highlight of the year was the Nations Tribute commemorating the Centenary of the end of WWI held at the Drop Zone which was a community tribute, with over 150 residents in attendance, to those millions that gave their lives for their country or returned home wounded during or after the dreadful darkness of four years of the 1914-1918 war. Specifically, in memory of the 86 men/boys from the village who went to war and the 18 who did not return. The tribute in the form of a service was led by The Venerable Ian Watson with the Academy Choir and the lighting of the beacon by our 'centurion' Stanley Edwards.

As is public knowledge we have received several contentious planning proposals during this term which the PC are consulted on together with affected residents. You can keep up to date with progress on these and other items which are reported in the Village Voice and the PC Website.

Councillors and the clerk have attended various training sessions to be able to undertake their roles and responsibilities of an ever-changing workload much of which is imposed by Government, thanks to all.

Being at the end of the 2015/19 term of the present council prior to the elections on 2nd May to elect eleven councillors for the 2019/23 term, nominations for the new council are open to all residents who are community minded, so please come forward as long as you are prepared to undertake training on the Duties and Powers of Parish Councils together with the Roles and Responsibilities of a Parish Councillor.

Nomination packs are available from the local authority and can also be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

Brian Brooks – Chairman