

Thorganby Parish Council

Chairman's Report – 2007/2008

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for Thorganby Parish Council for the year ending May 2008.

I should first of all like to thank District Councillor Bill Innes for his regular attendance at Parish Council meetings and for his continuing help and support.

I wish to thank a number of individuals for the work they have done for the village over the last 12 months.

Vice Chairman, David Clegg who has stood in as Chairman at short notice on a number of occasions; our Parish Council representatives on the various committees including the Heritage Committee, over 50s, Charitable Trusts and the YLCA and members of the Council for their dedication and contribution during the year.

Thanks go again to Dan Vickers who has continued to cut the grass around the village and who has given much of his free time to the Church and the village.

It is with regret that we have lost two Parish Council Clerks in the year. I hope in the future that an atmosphere can be generated in which the role becomes less onerous. We have endeavoured to find a temporary replacement Clerk with the help of Councillor Innes and via the YLCA but unfortunately have not been successful. As I will not be standing again as Chairman I believe it is appropriate that the new Chairperson initiates the search for a new Clerk.

With that said I should like to sincerely thank our two successive Clerks, Simon Haddlington and Belinda Cashman who have both worked extremely hard behind the scenes.

The Parish Council has carried out numerous activities during the year including:-

We have reviewed numerous planning applications and helped the funding of the extension to Wheldrake School. With the Clerk's help, we have significantly reduced the electricity bill for street lighting. We have supported the campaign to retain the licence at the Indian Elephant (formerly the Jefferson Arms) and persuaded Highways to carry out necessary repairs to footpaths and roads. The bank balance remains healthy in spite of a reduction in the precept which has been frozen over the previous 2 years.

It is my strong belief that the Parish Council, far from being an irrelevance to modern life has quietly worked for the good of the village of Thorganby and achieved a significant amount to the benefit of the inhabitants.

Thank you all for your attention and I wish all good health and prosperity for the year ahead.

Carl Martin



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