

## Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2013

In the year to March 2013, we planned for an income of £25,300. Through some additional tax and bank receipts together with donations received towards the Jubilee celebrations, our income was £1,500 better than planned.

With regard to our costs, the main elements in the year were the floral displays, the clerk's salary, £4,500 for community events including the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, £1,400 for the Christmas events and decorations together with improvements for the Community Pride competition (formerly Best Kept Village) and £3,200 on the maintenance of the Park, the Spinney, Glebe Meadow and other areas of the

village. We spent £3,200 progressing the development of the Neighbourhood Plan which was fully funded by grants received. Through tight control and regular reviews our total costs during the year totalled £25,800.

The main element of our income is the parish precept which is charged together with the Council Tax. For the year starting in April 2013, we have increased this by 3p per month for a Band D property. This, together with the continuing tight control on costs, will help us maintain the level of services in the parish through this year.

Cllr Andy Scarratt

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April 2013, the Parish Council awarded the following Cup and Certificates:

**The Tattenhall & District Parish Council Cup** was awarded to **Irene Kearney** - for her Chairmanship and development of Tattenhall Over 50s

**Keith Titchener** was awarded a certificate for his work with TADS and the Diamond Club

**Elaine Dunham** was awarded a certificate for her work with the WI and the Diamond Club

**Tony Leigh Smith** was awarded a certificate for his involvement with the Friends of Tattenhall

**The Young Person's Award** went to the **Jess Pritchard** for her involvement with the young people of the TADS pantomime.

## TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2013



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Annual Parish meeting marks the end of what has been a very demanding year for the Parish Council.

### **Finance Committee**

This committee is responsible for planning the income and expenditure for the year.

The carefully managed budget has enabled the Parish Council to improve its services, maintain its assets and provide funding for community groups. Examples of this include: match funding for the Diamond Jubilee events; the set up of the Tattenhall History website; replacement of the St Albans flag pole; Millfield maintenance and the Jubilee Woods interpretation panel.

We have invested in an interest bearing account and, at the same time, have been able to keep the Precept increase below inflation.

### **Planning Committee.**

All Councillors are members of this Committee which has a very high work load. The Parish has and is, being subjected to an unprecedented number of large scale inappropriate, speculative applications and re-submissions on all of which the Parish Council makes comment.

Because the local authority, Cheshire West & Chester Council, does not have a Local Plan or a 5 year housing supply, and because of the selective interpretation of the National Planning Policy Framework and the inconsistency of Strategic Planning Board decisions,

this responsibility has become very challenging.

In June some of these large scale applications will be examined in a co-joined appeal. The Parish Council, Ward Councillor, Community Members will do their best to defend the Parish to take account of the long term benefit to our community.

The inspector will submit a report to the Secretary of State at the end of September and a decision is expected before December 20<sup>th</sup> 2013

### **Community Safety.**

This working group liaises with the, Police, Homewatch, Highways, Community groups and Cheshire West & Chester Council.

The objective is to identify problems and develop solutions to safety related issues such as traffic congestion, parking, road and pavement condition, antisocial behaviour and resilience planning (How to respond to emergencies).

### **Quality Parish Clerk**

Our Clerk has successfully completed the portfolio and received the quality accreditation. This will ensure the Council operates with best practice.

### **Maintenance Group.**

Members are responsible for the inspection and maintenance of our assets such as bus shelters; bins; seats; notice boards. The Millennium mile path, through Glebe meadow, is scheduled for surfacing improvements.

The Parish Council annually reviews the maintenance contracts for the trees, hedges and grass cutting and renews these to obtain best value for the Parish.

### **Neighbourhood Plan.**

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has members from the Parish Council, Cheshire West & Chester Council and the community. This has involved huge amounts of volunteer time amounting to some 4,000 volunteer hours to date.

The draft submission to Cheshire West & Chester Council for the statutory six week consultation has been completed. The next step will be to appoint a Public Examiner and to proceed to Local Referendum in the Autumn of 2013.

### **Community Pride.**

This working group is responsible for our community events.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations were an excellent example how our community organisations can work together. We had a full events programme which was well supported and enjoyed by many of our residents and their families and friends.

All under 16 year olds as well as members of the Diamond club and TOFS received a special Jubilee coin. Older children were invited to come and collect their coin from the Barbour Institute during the weekend. Mrs Barbour made a generous contribution to the Parish which was used to buy the coins and the Parish Council is very grateful to her for this, and for the support of her team during the events at Bolesworth Castle.

The High Street and businesses were

decorated with flags, bunting and window displays..

The Christmas Market was very successful and exceeded all expectations. The profit was donated to the Park School Association and Tattenhall 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. The mulled wine was excellent.

The Christmas Carol singing evening was well supported. This is a joint venture with the Parish Council and Tattenhall Community Association which donates the use of the Barbour Institute for the evening.

All the hard work was recognised at the Cheshire Community Action awards evening when Tattenhall received the following awards:

Community Pride Winner.

Community Spirit—Joint runner up. Little Gem award—the Cricket club score board.

### **Remembrance Sunday.**

This is a very special day at which a large number of village organisations are represented.

The exhibition in the Village hall marked the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Remembrance on the High Street in a fitting tribute to our heroes.

Another successful partnership is with Tattenhall Wildlife Group which manages Glebe Meadow where the cattle will again be in residence this summer.

Graham Spencer

Chairman