

**WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31 MARCH 2007**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This has been the last year of the current Parish Council's four year term. It was an exceptionally busy four years during which the Council became increasingly proactive in attempting to influence the future development of Woodhall Spa. In creating a Parish Plan the Council was able to draw into the local democratic process a much wider range of individuals and organisations who have continued to be involved in their work to realise the vision contained in it. The Friends of Jubilee Park, the Heritage Committee and the new Britain in Bloom Committee are all a direct result of this process. The Parish Council has become a hub which these excellent initiatives report back to and receive support and advice from, a model which works well and which, gratifyingly, other Parish Councils have been anxious to learn from.

The Council has regularly reviewed and monitored progress on the issues arising from the Action Plan throughout the year and will continue to do so.

The council has worked for the people of Woodhall Spa in a variety of areas of responsibility.

## **PLANNING MATTERS**

Development continued to be an issue and the Council objected to all applications for building in gardens in the Conservation Area and also on windfall brownfield sites, on the grounds that Woodhall Spa has already seen development far in excess of the numbers allocated to it in East Lindsey District Council's Local Plan. Their concern was so great that it led the Council to invite members of the District Council's Planning Committee to visit Woodhall Spa to assess for themselves the impact of over-development on the Spa. Of continuing concern also were problems relating to the development off Witham Road.

The Council was pleased to support applications, which helped to increase economic regeneration e.g. the change of use of the Farm Shop to Tea Rooms. A particular success for Woodhall Spa was the improvement, which arose as a result of grants from the Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme, which helped fund the restoration of the balustrade at 1 Station Road and the refurbishment of the Victorian Canopy on the Broadway. The Council was represented on the committee that managed the scheme, which met regularly over a period of 3 years.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Two of the main areas of concern were the condition of Church Walk and the area near the Coronation Hall and the Council is still in touch with ELDC to sort out problems such as graffiti, fly tipping and litter and also the increase in dog fouling in

many locations in the village and the need for extra dog bins. The Council is always grateful when local people point out the problem areas.

The council has strenuously resisted all but necessary tree work in order to maintain the tree cover, for which Woodhall Spa is noted.

## **JUBILEE PARK**

The council welcomed the willingness of officers and members of ELDC to work with them and the residents of Woodhall Spa to alleviate concerns about the future of Jubilee Park. As a result of extensive consultations and negotiations throughout the year, a sum of £1.5m was ear-marked by the District Council for improvements to the swimming pool, the plant and the café. If more funds become available, this could be extended into a comprehensive scheme to update the whole of the park. The Council is extremely grateful to the Friends of Jubilee Park for their contribution to these negotiations.

## **CYCLE WAYS**

There has been active involvement with Sustrans to secure the extension of the cycle path on the water rail way from Bardney to Kirkstead (and eventually to Boston) and it is hoped that this will link up, via Green Lane, with the cycle path on Stixwould Road.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

This year the Council responded to consultation documents from:

- Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils: the Re-organisation of Local Government
- Lincolnshire County Council: Primary Schools
- Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust: Provision of Health Services
- Lincolnshire Police: the Amalgamation of Police Forces
- Lincolnshire Police: Policing Priorities and Funding
- East Lindsey District Council: Statement of Community Involvement
- East Lindsey District Council: Revised Priorities in the Corporate Strategy
- East Lindsey District Council: Dog Control Orders
- East Lindsey District Council: Draft Gambling Policy
- East Lindsey District Council: Review of Parking

## **GRANTS**

The following organisations received Parish Council grants:

- Lincolnshire Victim Support Scheme
- Woodhall Spa Country Show
- The Woodland Trust
- Woodhall Spa Cottage Museum
- FAIRTRADE
- Woodhall Spa Twinning Association
- Friends of Jubilee Park
- East Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau
- East Lindsey's Heritage Economic Re-generation Scheme

### **TRAINING COURSES/CONFERENCES**

The following courses were attended:

- Planning Procedures
- Local and Regional Planning
- Doorstep Crime
- Provision/ Extension of Cycle Paths
- Conference on British Lidos
- Primary Care Trust Conference
- Horncastle Area Committee Meetings
- East Lindsey Assembly

### **WEBSITE**

**[www.woodhallspa.org](http://www.woodhallspa.org)**

The council's website is updated regularly by the webmaster, Councillor Neil Storey, who is always pleased to receive items for the web from local residents.

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Council meets at 7.15 pm on the first Tuesday of each month except in January and August. The first 15 minutes is when residents may speak and bring any matters to the Council's attention.

When necessary, the Council also meets to discuss planning matters at 7.00 pm on the third Tuesday each month.

Notices of meetings and agendas may be seen in the notice board on the Broadway.

**AMARYLIS MIDGLEY**

**Chairman**

**31 March 2007**

## WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCILLORS MAY 2007

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Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 5.15 – 7.15 and on other days by appointment with the clerk.

**WOODHALL SPA PARISH COUNCIL  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31 MARCH 2007**

<b>PAYMENTS</b>		<b>STAMPS</b>		<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Salary/Tax/Allow	6149.59	B/Fwd	29.35	B/Fwd	24051.75
Stationery/Post	180.51	Income	96.00	Precept	37490.00
Public Amenities	10872.67	Minus Exp	44.29	VAT	1865.78
Utilities	1510.30	<b>Carry Fwd</b>	<b>81.06</b>	P.Plan	282.23
Insurance	1088.88			Misc	118.00
Rates/Meetings	1999.58			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63807.76</b>
Print/Adverts	1201.69				
Royal Square	1778.06				
Grass Cutting	1529.09				
Fees	2233.99				
Section 137	7350.00				
Misc.	40.35				
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>35934.71</b>				
Less stamp inc.	96.00				
Plus stamp exp.	44.29				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35883.00</b>				

**RECONCILIATION 2006 - 2007**

Account (1)	15087.03		
Account (2)	14880.55		
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>29967.58</b>		
Less u/p cheq.	2123.88	RECEIPTS	63807.76
Plus stamp bal.	81.06	PAYMENTS	35883.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27924.76</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>27924.76</b>

**W. RADFORD**  
Clerk to the Council  
31 March 2007