

WEST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Report for the year to 31st March 2010

This was the second year of the four-year term of the Council. At the Annual Meeting in May 2009 the Council re-elected Mr Bruce Scott as Chairman and Miss Jill Morgan as Vice-Chairman. West Farleigh Councillors have all undertaken to act in accordance with a Code of Conduct based on a national model and there have been no complaints to the Standards Board about their individual or collective activities.

In March 2009, Mr Frank Underdown resigned from the Council and Mr Larry Johnson joined the Council in November 2009.

The Minutes can be viewed on the Parish website at www.westfarleigh.org.uk and extracts of the Minutes are regularly reported in Lifeline. During last year the Council commenced the publication of its own news sheet which is delivered every quarter to every household with Lifeline. The Council also has a Publication Scheme required under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, whereby copies of particular Council documentation are available upon request.

The following are brief comments on some Council activities:-

The Council was mainly financed in two ways. Firstly, a precept of £9,500 was raised on local householders, collected with the Council Tax. This amounted to £44.29 for a Band "D" property. Then, the Borough Council provided an allowance of £4,500 to assist with such matters as maintenance of Open Spaces and the Play Area. The figures for 2009/10 are given overleaf. Copies of audited Annual Returns are available under the Publication Scheme.

Other than general administration and salary costs there were no substantial items of expenditure during the year. Donations were made during the year to local organisations including West Farleigh Evergreens and Life Line.

The Council has secured a lease on land at Charlton Lane that it is hoped will be used for a Community Centre. The Council plans to consult with the residents of the Village to ascertain the opinion of the majority of the Parish before proceeding with any plans.

During the year the Council was consulted on around 20 planning applications. The Council meets regularly to consider new planning applications and details of these meetings can be found on the noticeboards, on the website or by contacting the clerk. In considering its views on planning applications, the Council continues to put forward recommendations that it feels best represent the interests of local parishioners, but the Borough Council does not always agree with us!

The Council meets bi-monthly at All Saints Church usually on the third Monday and parishioners are welcome to attend. Parishioners are given an opportunity to raise matters at the start of every meeting. Councillors or the Clerk can be contacted direct when more urgent issues arise. Their contact details appear on the village noticeboards and on the website at www.westfarleigh.org.uk.

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Summary of Receipts and Payments - 09/10

The Receipts and Payments Account summarises the incomings and outgoings for the Council during the course of the financial year and the comparative figures for 2008/9

2008/09	RECEIPTS	2009/10
£		£
8,000.00	Parish Precept	9,500.00
5,655.00	MBC Concurrent Functions	4,510.00
100.00	Inland Revenue - Online Reporting Grant	75.00
	Grants received	
450.00	MBC Devolved Budget Grants	525.00
1,635.00	MBC Play Area Grant	---
6,286.00	Other Income	1,738.00
106.00	Bank Interest	18.00
1,631.00	VAT - Reimbursement Received from HMRC	9.00
£23,864.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	£16,365.00
2008/09	PAYMENTS	2009/10
£		£
	General Administration	
	Running Expenses	
0.00	Advertising	0.00
0.00	Chairman's Allowance	51.00
600.00	Clerk's Office Allowance	600.00
166.00	Clerk's Travel Expenses	93.00
220.00	Church Rent/Hall Hire	230.00
91.00	Postages	77.00
437.00	Stationery and Office Expenses	310.00
421.00	Subscriptions	348.00
10.00	Telephone	6.00
1,945.00	Running Expenses total	1,715.00
4,134.00	Salaries	4,644.00
210.00	Audit Fees	195.00
447.00	Insurance	591.00
---	Concurrent Functions	---
1,644.00	Commons and Open Spaces	305.00
10,078.00	Village Green	583.00
---	Other	---
240.00	Training	0.00
1,160.00	Grants to Voluntary Bodies	1,230.00
559.00	Contingencies	1,562.00
5.00	VAT - overclaimed	---
1,824.00	VAT - on payments (to be reimbursed)	512.00
£22,246.00	TOTAL PAYMENTS	£11,337.00