

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL, EXACERBATED BY THE COVID19 PANDEMIC. IT WAS NECESSARY TO HOLD MEETINGS VIRTUALLY BUT THE GOVT HAS STATED THAT AFTER MIDNIGHT ON 6 MAY, THESE WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY AND MEETINGS CAN BE HELD AS BEFORE BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING.

DURING THE YEAR THE NEW RECREATION FACILITY AT HAYFIELD LANE HAS BEEN OPENED AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY PEEL HOLDINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO US TO SIGN THE AREA OVER TO US AND THEREFORE MAINTAIN IN THE FUTURE. WE ARE AWARE OF ASB INCIDENTS AND HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SY POLICE WHO PATROL THE AREA. ALSO OUR HANDYMAN VISITS ON 3 OCCASIONS EACH WEEK TO PICK UP LITTER. MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ALSO ACT IN THIS REGARD ALONG WITH OUR CLERK. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING A CAMERA PROVISION IN THE ORDINARY PC MEETING TO FOLLOW. WE APPROACHED PEEL HOLDINGS FOR THE LIGHTING TO BE SWITCHED OFF AT 8.30PM.

PROVISION OF CCTV CAMERAS HAS BEEN AN ITEM ON OUR RECENT AGENDAS AND, IN PRINCIPLE, IT WAS AGREED TO PROVIDE 2, AT A COST OF c£9K. IT IS HOPED TO OBTAIN FUNDING TOWARDS THIS COST. THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION.

WE RECEIVE CRIME STATISTICS EACH MONTH FROM SY POLICE AND THESE ARE WELCOME. WE ARE AWARE OF ASB IN THE HAYFIELD AREA AND ALSO IN AUCKLEY VILLAGE, AGAIN THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN REPORTED.

WE REPORTED, DURING THE YEAR, BLOCKED GULLIES, PARKING ISSUES, SPEEDING TRAFFIC, PONDING, STATE OF FOOTPATHS AND OVERHANGING VEGETATION, DOG FOULING ETC, TO DMBC AND WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THESE PROBLEMS. DRAINAGE ISSUES PREVALENT AT INSALL WAY AREA WERE ALSO REPORTED TO DMBC. THANKS SENT TO DMBC FOR PROVIDING NEW FOOTWAY SO PUPILS FROM SPITFIRE WAY AND GATEHOUSE LANE COULD WALK ON A HARD SURFACE TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS RE THE ALTERATIONS TO THE CROSSROADS AT MOSHAM/HURST LANE, CLLR S COX ADVISED THE DELAY HAD BEEN DUE TO UNDERGROUND WORKINGS. WE ALSO STATED OUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE FENCING LEFT UNPAINTED AT THE CORNER OF MOSHAM ROAD. IT DOESN'T APPEAR THAT ANYTHING WILL BE DONE IN THIS REGARD. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED CONCERNS REGARDING THE TRAFFIC LIGHT STOP/GO SYSTEM AT THE 4 JUNCTIONS. DMBC HAS BEEN CONTACTED BUT THE FEELING IS THAT THE SITUATION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS AND DOES NOT REQUIRE AMENDING.

WE COMMENT ON MANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS DURING EACH YEAR BUT CANNOT HAVE ANY SAY IN THE DECISION MAKING. WE EXPRESSED CONCERNS RE THE YWP APPLICATION BECAUSE OF RECORDING OF LOUD MUSIC INSIDE AND OUTSIDE UNTIL 2AM. THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL WAS ALSO A CONCERN. WE ASKED IF THE APPLICATION COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL RESIDENTS COULD HAVE A SAY BUT ULTIMATELY THE APPLICATION WAS GRANTED FOR MUSIC UNTIL 2AM BUT ALCOHOL UNTIL 10.30PM.

WE EXPRESSED CONCERNS TO DMBC PLANNING AS APPLICATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE YWP WERE SENT TO CANTLEY WITH BRANTON PARISH COUNCIL AND NOT INITIALLY TO AUCKLEY PARISH

COUNCIL. WE OPPOSED THE NEW ACCESS INTO THE YWP FROM HURST LANE ON GROUNDS OF SAFETY AS WE HAD CONCERNS RE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND WITH THE QUARRY NEARBY AND FURTHER ALONG HURST LANE, THE HAYFIELD SCHOOL AND NEW COLLEGE. HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION WAS STILL APPROVED.

WE ASKED RESIDENTS IF THEY COULD SUGGEST A VENUE TO HOLD MEETING IN THE HAYFIELD AREA, AS WE HAD CONTACTED THE PRIMARY SCHOOL BUT COSTS WERE PROHIBITIVE. ISSUES WITH SECURITY AT HAYFIELD SCHOOL ALSO POSED A PROBLEM. THE RAMADA HOTEL WAS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO COVID19.

DURING THE YEAR WE GAVE £500 TOWARDS THE COST OF REFURBISHMENT TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AT BLAXTON AS WE SUPPLY A WREATH ANNUALLY (THANKS TO GARY WARRENDER FOR LAYING THE WREATH) ALSO POPPY MOTIFS HAVE BEEN ERECTED ON THE SEATS AT RIVERSIDE PARK AND ALSO AT THE HAYFIELD RECREATIONAL FACILITY.

WE REGULARLY INSPECT EQUIPMENT ON THE PLAY AREA OFF COMMON LANE AND ARE TO REMOVE THE WOODEN LOGS AND PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS, IE 2 PICNIC TABLES AND BENCHES. ALSO SOME CHILDRENS BALANCING APPARTUS.

WORK ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONTINUES AND THANKS ARE DUE TO RONNIE DOBSON – SECRETARY – AND LYNN BRAMHILL – CHAIR – FOR THE WORK THEY DO. THANK ALSO TO THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE PART OF THE GROUP TOGETHER WITH IAN SWAINSTON AND MYSELF. THE PLAN IS PROGRESSING WELL AND IT IS HOPED IT WILL BE FINALLY ADOPTED IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

CAP (COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS) CONTINUE TO BE HELD AND I ATTEND ON BEHALF OF THE P.C. ALSO PRESENT ARE WARD MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, DMBC AND SOME RESIDENTS.

WE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A COMPANY DEALING WITH BROADBAND ISSUES AS IT IS KNOWN THAT SOME AREAS HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH ACCESS. WE SUPPORTED A SCHEME AS VOUCHERS FOR RESIDENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

WARD MEMBERS PROVIDED 2 STANDS SO THAT HAND GEL SANITIZERS COULD BE USED AT THE RECREATION SITES. THE PARISH COUNCIL ALSO PROVIDED DEFIBRILLATORS FOR USE IN EMERGENCIES, WE WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTION FROM THE JNR FOOTBALL CLUB.

HURST LANE BRIDGE – RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING HGV TRAFFIC AND NETWORK RAIL ADVISED THAT AN ANNUAL ROUTINE INSPECTION IS CONDUCTED AND EVERY 12 YE TOWARDS THIS PROVISIONARS A DETAILED INSPECTION IS CARRIED OUT. WE ARE TO DISCUSS ASKING AGAIN FOR A WEIGHT LIMIT.

WE UPGRADED THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING LAST YEAR AND WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS.

THE TWO FOOTBALL TEAMS DO A GREAT JOB AND TREAT THE FIELD WITH RESPECT. MANY THANKS TO MATTHEW COCKETT AND STUART PERRIN AND ALL INVOLVED.

WE DONATED £200 TOWARDS PROVISION OF ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS, AN INITIATIVE BY A RESIDENT/PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER DAWN, SO SWEETS AND BISCUITS COULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE PARISH.

IT WASN'T POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE USUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AT THE EAGLE AND CHILD, DUE TO COVID19, BUT WE DONATED £100 TO THE CHARITY FIREFLY, WHICH TRANSPORTS RESIDENTS TO SHEFFIELD HOSPITAL. HOPEFULLY THIS YEAR WE CAN HOLD THE EVENT AND THANKS TO JASON FLETCHER & STAFF FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT.

CURRENTLY WE ARE LOOKING TO ACHIEVE THE BEST INTEREST RATES FOR MONIES WE HOLD, AND HAVE SET THE PRECEPT AT £40K FOR 2021/22, NO INCREASE AS REMAINS THE SAME.

A FEW MONTHS AGO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, GEOFF PAYNE, RESIGNED FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL. IT WAS THOUGHT THE TIMESCALE INVOLVED WAS TOO SHORT TO ENABLE CO-OPTION AS THE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ON 6 MAY. MANY THANKS TO GEOFF FOR THE WORK HE HAS DONE WHILST BEING A MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

THANKS ARE DUE TO THOSE RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO LITTER PICK, THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB WHICH IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

MANY THANKS TO IAN SWAINSTONE WHO ATTENDS MEETING OF THE TRANSPORT USER GROUP AND ALSO MEETINGS AT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

TO STEPHEN FEATHERSTONE WHO ATTENDS MEETINGS OF THE YWP

TO GARY WARRENDER FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PARISH CENTRE

GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE GARDEN AND ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE WORK UNDERTAKEN IN RUNNING AND MAINTAINING THE SITE & FOR THE LOVELY BLOOMS IN THE TUBS AT THE GREEN.

MANY THANKS TO THE AUCKLEY SHOW COMMITTEE AND HELPERS – HOPEFULLY THE SHOW CAN BE HELD THIS YEAR. IT IS A GREAT DAY OUT AND THE MEMBERS WORK VERY HARD BEFORE AND AFTERWARDS IN CLEARING THE AREA.

THANKS TO OUR HANDYMAN, CHRIS, TO WARD MEMBERS, DMBC OFFICER STEPHEN RACJAN .

GRATEFUL THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR GIVING THEIR TIME FREELY, WITHOUT ANY RECOMPENSE, AND FOR ATTENDING MEETINGS, SITE MEETINGS ETC AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE WORKINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WITH THEIR VARIOUS AREAS OF EXPERTISE.

THANKS ALSO TO MAJORIE OUR CLERK WHO DOES A GREAT JOB AND IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE CONCERNS AND CARRY OUT DUTIES. SHE ALSO HELPS TO SET UP ZOOM MEETINGS FOR THE NPG.

FINALLY AS YOU KNOW THE ELECTION WAS UNCONTESTED SO I WELCOME YOU ALL BACK AND SORRY THAT IAN BUTTERFIELD DECIDED NO TO SUBMIT HIS NOMINATION DUE TO HIS OTHER COMMITMENTS. SO WELCOME BACK EVERYONE AND ALSO TO RONNIE DOBSON AND LAURA SYDNEY

