



*Stiffkey
Parish Council
Annual Report
April 2021*

Chairman's Report

It has not been an easy year for many of us and I would like to thank all the Parishioners of Stiffkey for their patience, understanding and fortitude over the past 12 months. I would also like to thank all of those who have given up their time and energy to volunteer during these difficult times.

The last 12 months has seen change for the Parish Council - both through the shift to Zoom meetings as well as the loss of our Clerk Glynis. We have emerged, I hope, stronger and more able to adapt to change and fortunate enough to have Catherine join us as our permanent Clerk.

Over the year we have tried to keep work as normal and have had some successes. We were able to fill pot holes on Greenway, keep permissive paths mowed and dog poo bins empty, despite numerous lockdowns. With the help of volunteers and our local Post Office delivery team we were also able to ensure that Parishioners had access to information, prescription pick up facilities and emergency contact numbers during lockdown periods. A grant from the County Council has also enabled us to help those in need as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

Summer saw an influx of visitors which, once again, led to issues over traffic and traffic flow through the village. I am please to report that the Parish Council has begun a new process of consultation with Highways to see how we can prepare for the same this year. We have continued throughout the year to operate our SAM and this does seem to have had some impact on the speed of traffic though the village.

The Parish Council has also spent time over the past year focusing more on proactively responding to planning applications received via NNDC. Our beautiful local environment deserves nothing less and perhaps testament to that is that Stiffkey is also very fortunate in that over the past year we have also seen new full-time residents move into the village. This would appear to buck the normal trend but is welcome news.

It is a short report this year, given the circumstances, but I, and all my fellow Parish councilors are here to support the village if any of the parishioners have questions our contact details are on the Parish Council web site.

Alexandra Hooper, Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2020/21

Receipts

	<u>2019/20(£)</u>	<u>2020/21 (£)</u>
Precept & Shortfall Grant	4,910.00	5,110.00
Grants & Donations	1,920.00	2,500.00
Garden Plots	0.00	100.00
Interest	3.15	0.78
VAT Reclaim	0.00	1,679.30
TOTAL	6,833.15	9,390.08

Payments

	2019/20 (£)	Budget 2020/21 (£)	Actual 2020/21 (£)
Street Lighting	1,431.68	600.00	199.46
Insurance	510.80	0.00	529.23
Salary	1,884.15	3,000.00	3,138.65
Admin Costs	195.80	1,340.00	40.76
Audit	30.00	0.00	50.00
Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	35.00
Newsletter	87.50	0.00	87.50
Village Hall	537.89	0.00	550.93
Grants / Donations	268.50	320.00	218.50
Maintenance	0.00	240.00	0.00
Dog Bins	190.40	0.00	182.00
Village Hall Access	1,055.00	0.00	1,500.00
Garden Plot Rent	0.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL	6,191.72	5,500.00	6,732.03
VAT	530.95	60.00	97.89
TOTAL	6,722.67	5,560.00	6,829.92

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 1st April 2020	4,171.71
Total Income	9,390.08
Total Expenditure	6,829.92
Closing Balance at 31st March 2021	6,731.87

Earmarked Reserves

Covid Grant	800.00
Free Funds:	5,881.87

Your Parish Council

The village of Stiffkey is represented by seven Parish Councillors: Alexandra Hooper (Chairman); Ian Moy (Vice Chairman); Kerensa Claydon; David Clifton; Ian Curtis; Phil Harrison; and David Smallridge. The Temporary Parish Clerk is Catherine Moore.

The Parish Council meets six times per year, with the following meeting dates planned for 2021 (please check the website for physical or virtual meeting details):

Wednesday 5th May, 5pm; Monday 26th July, 7pm
Monday 27th September, 7pm; Monday 29th November, 7pm

Parish Council agendas are published on notice boards and the website 3 clear days before the meeting. Minutes are published in draft on the website shortly after the meeting. Alternatively they are available from the Parish Clerk.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings. A time is set aside for public comments before the meeting begins

Your representative on Norfolk County Council is Dr Marie Strong who can be contacted on 07920 286597 or emailed on marie.strong.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk (correct as at 23 April 2021).

At the time of publication, there was no elected representative for North Norfolk District Council due to an impending by-election.

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