



Horden Parish Council Annual Report 2018/19

Message from the Chairman, Councillor Isabel Roberts

This last year has been an honour for me to have been elected, for the second consecutive year, as Chairman of Horden Parish Council. Together Parish and County Councillors have worked hard to raise the profile of our village and represent residents.

In 2018 we said goodbye to our Clerk of 9 years, Mr Paul Davison, who moved onto pastures new. With the departure of Paul, the Council restructured their Administration Department with the appointment of Mr Kevin Wilkinson as part-time Clerk to the Council and the Deputy Clerk's role was revised to include the role of Responsible Finance Officer.

In July 2018 I held a fundraising evening through my sons charity, the Dale Roberts Community Fund, there was a total of £1,000 raised, the proceeds of which were donated to Horden Cricket Club. Thank you to all the local businesses who contributed with generous donations.

I have also donated £100 to Horden Bowls Club, £250 to Horden Banner Committee and £250 to a local school pupil to fund an educational school trip through my Chairman's Allowance.

Horden Banner Committee worked tirelessly this last year to reach their ultimate goal of obtaining funding for the commission of a new Horden Banner for parade. It was great to be part of the committee and work alongside dedicated volunteers to reach their goal. The new banner, which was funded by £6,000 from County Councillors June Clark and Ian Mclean with the remaining £1,000 raised with fundraising by the Banner Committee, was unveiled at Horden Social Welfare Centre Saturday 16th February 2019, it was a great evening.



It was a great privilege to be able to host the first ever Chairman Community Awards in March 2019. The evening was one of celebrating local success and achievements. The awards featured nine categories, with the following winners:

Sports Achievement, sponsored by R n B Roofing was awarded to Robbie Warren.

Outstanding Personal Achievement, sponsored by Profound Services was awarded to Marc James Robson.

Team Award, sponsored by Horden Hub House was awarded to Horden & Peterlee Rugby Club Under 18s Girls.

Service to the Community, sponsored by Horden Hub House was awarded to Cllr Elizabeth Wood.

Inspirational Volunteers, sponsored by Horden Parish Council was awarded to Horden Heritage Centre & Vintage Tearoom.

Community Responders, sponsored by East Durham Medical Group was awarded to Lyndsey Hepburn and Kelly Percival.

Outstanding Service to the People of Horden, sponsored by Horden County Councillors June Clark and Ian Mclean was awarded to Dr Joseph Chandy.



Service to the Community, sponsored by Horden Colliery Residents Association was awarded to Jane Atkinson.

Overcoming Adversity, sponsored by Regal Print was awarded to Brooklyn Hutchinson.

I presented the winners with a Chairman's Medal, framed certificate, flowers and a gift. The evening was fun filled with live entertainment, award ceremony and hot food. Through a raffle and games we raised £543 for Durham Deafened Support Charity, based in Horden.

It was fantastic to be given the opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and give recognition to those in the community who make a significant contribution. I would like to extend my thanks to all of the people and local businesses who sponsored the event, without which it would not have been possible. The evening was a great success and I hope we can continue it to 2020.

The Council marked the centenary of the end of World War 1 with a number of events, which you can find details of in the report. As part of the celebrations I purchased a specially designed commemorative wrought iron bench featuring soldiers and poppies. The bench will be a permanent feature at the cemetery once the capital works are complete.

It was a great achievement to be one of four Direct Councillors to be elected on the National Association of Larger Councils (NALC) Committee. NALC provide a national voice for local (parish and town) councils across England, campaign on their behalf, raise awareness of their work and provide them with a range of services to support their needs. The Committee meet four times a year in London and it is my duty to represent the North East at these meetings.



We welcomed Rt Revd Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, to Horden for a Prayer Walk last summer. The Prayer Walks are aimed at allowing the Bishop to meet people, get to know the area and pray for it and its people. The Bishop spent time at the Heritage Centre, met with local school children and walked the scenery of the beach banks and Castle Eden Dene.

2019 marked a milestone for Councillor Elizabeth Wood, who celebrated 50 years as a Horden Parish Councillor.

This makes Elizabeth the longest standing Councillor in the history of Horden. Elizabeth continues to this day to play an active role in the community. The Council gave recognition to Elizabeth renaming the Training Room the 'Elizabeth Wood Room' well done Elizabeth on your remarkable achievement!

2019 sees Durham County Council start work on Horden's Railway Station. I think we can all agree the station will be a great asset to Horden. A big thank you must go to Durham County Council and all agencies involved for their tireless campaign to make this happen.

I have taken my role as Chairman very seriously and the Parish Council will continue to serve the people of Horden. We are hoping for another successful year here at the Council, and we could not provide the services we do without the support of Councillors and staff so a big thank you to all who contribute!

**Councillor Isabel Roberts,
Chairman, Horden Parish Council
May 2019**



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About us

Councillors - The Council has 15 Parish Councillors:-

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Responsibility</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Cllr Rodie Bagnall | 11 Ash Crescent, Horden | Vice-Chairman of Horden Parish Council Chairman of Horden Recreation Ground |
| Cllr Christopher Cain | 4 Hudson Avenue, Horden | |
| Cllr June Clark | 73 Cotsford Park Estate, Horden | |
| Cllr Edna Connor | 2 Cedar Street, Horden | Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee |
| Cllr Douglas Langan | 1 Snowdrop Avenue, Horden | |
| Cllr Francis Leadbitter | Belmont, Windsor Terrace, Horden | Vice-Chairman of Horden Recreation Ground |
| Cllr Alison Turner | 5 Yohden Crescent, Horden | Vice-Chairman of Finance & General Purposes |
| Cllr Ian Mclean | 19 Willow Grove, Horden | |
| Cllr William Morrow | 120 Third Street, Horden | Vice-Chairman of Parks & Cemetery Committee |
| Cllr Isabella Roberts | 33 Ninth Street, Horden | Chairman of Horden Parish Council |
| Cllr Jamie Robinson | 7 Hillside Villas, Horden | |
| Cllr William Smith | 22 Alder Road, Horden | |
| Cllr David Tait | 15 Cornfield Garth, Peterlee | Chairman of Parks & Cemetery Committee |
| Cllr Laurence Williams | 13 Nelson Close, Horden | |
| Cllr Elizabeth Wood | 12 Roseby Road, Horden | |

Staff

The Council employ staff in the following roles:-

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| Kevin Wilkinson | Clerk to the Council |
| Gemma Rowe | Deputy Clerk & RFO |
| Kayleigh Bird | Admin & Finance Officer |
| Colin Muir | Parks & Cemetery Manager |
| Walter Rudkin | Parks & Playing Fields Supervisor |
| Keith Bailey | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Tommy Basley | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Richard Hepworth | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Matthew Scott | Gardener/Gravedigger |

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| Allan Roberts | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Alfie Temple | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Joe Hall | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| David Lamb | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Rodie Kyle Bagnall | Gardener/Gravedigger |
| Angela Lee | Social Welfare Centre Events & Operations Manager |
| Sharon Atchinson | Cleaner - Social Welfare Centre |
| Lisa Ward | Cleaner - Social Welfare Centre |

In addition, the Council also employ casual staff to cover duties for functions in the Social Welfare Centre.

Introduction

Welcome to the 2018/19 Annual Report. This report has been produced and made available prior to the Annual Assembly to be held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 6pm in the Social Welfare Centre.

The Annual Assembly is a meeting of the electors of the Parish of Horden and provides an opportunity for residents to discuss the information provided and to question the Council on its activities during the year. Any resident of the village is welcome to attend this meeting.

Horden Parish Council serves the village of Horden including Grants Houses, with a population of around 5,815 residents.

We deliver many services in the village, such as the provision of parks, playing fields and recreation areas; we run the Thorpe Road Cemetery, have responsibility for the Station Road Allotments and run the Social Welfare Centre.

Our aim is to give residents information about the Parish Council and the services which we deliver in the village, to outline how we are dealing with current challenges and highlight our plans to meet community needs and deliver quality services in the next year and beyond.

Horden Parish Council is one of around 10,000 Parish & Town Councils within England, Parish and Town Councils are the first tier of local government and work closely with the other tiers of local government to try to achieve the best for their local communities. During the year we have worked closely with Durham County Council on a number of issues, two of your Parish Councillors, June Clark and Ian Mclean, are also County Councillors for Durham County Council.

Meetings of the Parish Council are normally held the first Thursday of each month (except August) starting at 6pm in the Social Welfare Centre. The Agenda for Council meetings is prepared on the Friday prior to the meeting and displayed on the Parish Council Noticeboard in the foyer of the Social Welfare Centre and also on our website for the public to view.

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public (although some items of business may be heard in private session). If you wish to attend the meeting, just turn up.

The Council are happy for the public to give their views or comments during Public Participation, but ask that you notify the Clerk prior to the meeting of the topic on which you wish to speak.

Minutes of meetings are available for public inspection at the Social Welfare Centre and are on our website. Any registered elector of the Parish is entitled by law to have copies of the minutes for a reasonable cost; these can only be obtained

with advance notice from the Parish Council Offices at the Social Welfare Centre.

REVIEW OF 2018/19

Welfare Park

Horden Parish Council, as sole trustees, continue to manage Horden Recreation Ground Charity (Registered Charity Number 520826) in accordance with the charity's objectives. The Council also financially support the charity via a grant donation.

The park achieved the prestigious Green Flag Award and Green Heritage Site status in August 2018 for the twelfth consecutive year. The award acknowledges the high quality of the park and green space.

The park once again had a number of free events and activities taking place during school holidays. The Council are committed long term to maintain a budget for the provision of activities to engage local families and young children with an aim of bringing the community together and reducing boredom for young people through the holidays.



Details of events and activities in the park are always posted in the noticeboards at the entrances to the park and on the Parish Council's website and facebook page.

The Vintage Tea Room and Heritage Centre, ran by volunteers, continues to be a popular attraction in the park. The Tea Room and Heritage Centre are open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30am – 3pm in the months of March – October. Owing to its popularity the centre and tearoom opened additional days in 2018 for Remembrance Sunday and Christmas lunches.

Horden clubs including the Bowls, Cricket and Football continue to licence the sports pitches and facilities at the park. In 2018 the Welfare Ground was home to three football teams, including Horden CWFC, Horden CW Youth Football Club and Peterlee Catholic Club Sunday League Team.

In early May 2019 Horden CWFC were winners of the Shipowners Memorial Cup, this is a huge achievement for the club, which having only formed two years ago, goes from strength to strength, well done to Horden CWFC!



The Trustees now offer the vacant old rugby field for hire with floodlights. It is currently used by football teams for winter training, however, if you are interested in hiring the field please contact the Parish Council Office.

The multi-sports pitch (MSP), located adjacent to the bowling greens, is also available for hire. The MSP has the facilities to offer use for tennis, netball, football and basketball. The pitch can also be hired for private dog exercise, giving dogs the opportunity to be off their lead, which is otherwise not allowed in the park. For further details please contact the Parish Council Office.

During 2018/19 major work in the park has included the installation of additional CCTV cameras, surveyors have carried out property surveys and repair schedules for all buildings in the park, a steelwork survey of the Grandstand and maintenance of sports pitches and buildings.

Horden Parish Council staff have consistently delivered a service second to none in their maintenance of the park and sporting facilities. The dedication and commitment to excellence ensure that users of the Welfare Park continue to enjoy the amenities at the quality they expect. A special thank you goes to all of the staff for their efforts.

Social Welfare Centre

The Social Welfare Centre continues to be used by many residents and community groups. Activities range from Slimming Clubs to Guides on weekdays, whilst the building is used for functions and parties at weekends. If you are interested in hiring the centre please contact the Parish Council Office to discuss your needs.

Below is a list of current regular activities held in the Centre:-

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Activity</u> |
|------------|-------------|--|
| Tuesday | 5pm - 8pm | Slimming World |
| Thursday | 1pm - 3pm | CISWO Ladies Social Club |
| | 6pm - 8pm | Girl Guides |
| | 7pm - 9pm | Patchwork Quilters |
| 4 weekly | 5:30pm-8pm | Horden Colliery Residents Association Meetings |
| 4 weekly | 5pm-6pm | Horden Banner Committee Meetings |
| 6 weekly | 6pm-8pm | Horden Regeneration Partnership Meetings |

The Council continue to fund a free annual Pantomime, for all Horden school children, in 2019 it featured Cinderella.

The Social Welfare Centre hosted two events in 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1 including a Wartime Sing-Along, the free afternoon was attended by local residents and Horden Care Homes, it featured entertainment from Leonard Brown on the accordion and afternoon tea. There was also an evening of live entertainment by Diane Grufferty with bar facilities and buffet provided.



Both events were an opportunity to raise funds for chosen charities which included Easington Branch Royal British Legion, SSAFA and PTSD UK. Through generous donations, fundraisers and ticket and raffle sales, an incredible £1,108 was raised and divided equally between the charities.

During 2018/19 major work to the building included a new Lounge roof, redecoration, new blinds in the Lounge and a refurbishment of the bar facilities.

To reduce the burden on the tax-payers of Horden, the management of the centre underwent a major review in 2019, the council formed a Social Welfare Centre Committee to review the operational management of the building, as a result the opening hours of the centre have been reduced,

which reduced staff hours, it is estimated that, as a result, there will be a saving of approximately £15,000 in 2019/20. The council will endeavour to continue to monitor the running costs of the centre and develop their pricing and marketing strategies to ensure sustainability for the future.

Thorpe Road Cemetery

During 2018/19 74 burials took place as follows:-

| | Total | Horden | % | Others | % |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| All Burials | 74 | 53 | 72% | 21 | 28% |
| Full Burials | 49 | 35 | 71% | 14 | 29% |
| Ashes | 25 | 18 | 72% | 7 | 28% |

In addition to the 74 burials which took place, 5 memorial plaques were sold for display on the Memorial Wall.

Many relatives have donated seats in memory of loved ones, the Parish Council will, when space is available, consider donations of seats, trees and other items. If you wish to find out more about the cemetery or making a donation please contact Colin Muir, Parks & Cemetery Manager on 07770793560.

2018/19 saw one of the Council's biggest projects in a number of years with the purchase 3.6 acres of land to extend the cemetery combined with major works to both the existing and new land.

Durham County Council were appointed to undertake the tender exercise to attract bids from contractors to deliver the work and as a result BCE Northern Ltd were awarded the capital work contract.

On commencement of work, it had become apparent that since the original specification of works was designed, the condition of the existing cemetery had declined, including the condition of the roads and footpaths and the surface water issue had exacerbated.

A loan was secured from the Public Works Loan Board in 2017 for £500,000 and through consultation with the appointed Project Manager and Contractor, the Council committed a further £30,000 towards the project bringing the total budget to £530,000.

As at April 2019, the total project spend was £513,781 and has included, the land purchase, land testing, planning, project management, new palisade boundary fencing, site preparation and earthworks, boundary features, access roads, new and resurfaced footpaths, widening the existing entrance, addressing the surface water drainage issues, utility services, car parking facilities, new pedestrian access, landscaping and staff welfare facilities, to name a few.

The extension of the cemetery is the largest project that the parish council has undertaken in a number of years and one which required signifi-

cant investment to deliver.

Going into 2019/20 the capital works will draw to a close with snagging items addressed and work completed on the landscaping.

Peterlee Financial Cemetery Contributions

Horden Parish Council as the statutory burial authority for the village maintain Thorpe Road Cemetery in order to keep it to a good standard and condition. This of course, has a significant cost element attached to it which is addressed partially with cemetery fees and charges, but mainly via the council tax raised with Horden residents. The forecast expenditure for the cemetery in 2019 is £135,086.

Peterlee Town Council have made a financial contribution to Thorpe Road Cemetery each year from 1960. This contribution was paid by Peterlee Town Council to alleviate the financial pressure on Horden taxpaying residents because a significant percentage of burials are Peterlee residents, who were buried in Horden cemetery before the Peterlee built their own cemetery in 1992.

The impact of Peterlee burials has meant that over time, Horden's cemetery has filled significantly quicker, having to be extended twice, at a cost to the Horden taxpayer.

The contribution Peterlee Town Council paid to Horden was for "use" of Horden's cemetery. The contribution was paid to alleviate the cost of ongoing cemetery maintenance of Peterlee graves from 1952.

As previously mentioned, a financial contribution has been paid to Horden by Peterlee Town Council since 1960. The level of contribution was reviewed in 1965, 1974 and 1985. In 1991 Peterlee were of the view that a new agreement needed to be negotiated and gave notice that the agreement in place would be terminated on the 1st April 1992.

In 1994 a new agreement was finalised establishing a base figure that would increase over time by the rate of inflation. Peterlee backdated payments under this agreement to 1992. During negotiations, their representatives at the time, committed in writing that they would honour their responsibility for their deceased parishioners buried in Horden and that their contribution would continue as long as certain conditions were met. Those conditions continue to be met to this day.

However, without any forewarning Peterlee refused to pay the annual invoice issued for the year 2017/18. An additional invoice was raised for the year 2018/19 and payment of this was also refused.

Horden Parish Council unequivocally disagree with Peterlee Town Council for refusing to honour their historical obligation to contribute to the maintenance of their residents graves. This obligation must now fall to the Horden taxpayer.

Horden Parish Council have taken the firm view that either Peterlee Town Council will stand by their obligations or they will not; and the outstanding debt, which at 31st March 2019 is £18,408, still stands.

Memorial Park

2018 marked the poignant 100th year anniversary of the end of World War 1. Horden Parish Council wanted to mark the occasion with a variety of events for all ages, the Council formed a Remembrance Sunday Working Group, made up of volunteers from the military, Councillors, members of the public and council staff, who took on the planning, budget and organisation of the events in the Social Welfare Centre and Memorial Park over the week of 5th November 2018.

As part of the Centenary Events the Council commissioned the 'Horden Remembers 1918-2018' artwork in the bus stop located outside of Memorial Park, as a feature for the village and those passing through.



In anticipation for the Remembrance Sunday Service at the park, the War Memorial Clock, which acts as the Cenotaph, underwent an extensive refurbishment including repairs to broken and damaged stonework, full clean down and sanding off existing paintwork, repoint joints, new lime-wash and metal repairs to the sword and engraving.

The Remembrance Sunday Service had an outstanding turnout. The Parade left Horden Social Welfare Centre at 10:30am and proceeded to the park for the Service by Father Kyle McNeil from St. Mary's Church.

The park was decorated with 100 ornamental poppies to mark the anniversary.

The Buglers sounded the Last Post and the Lord Lieutenant Arthur Charlton was again the dignitary of honour. The names of the fallen were read aloud whilst Horden Cadets laid an ornamental

poppy in their memory. Old and young paid their respects and laid a wreath or a cross.

Through the purchase of poppy wreaths by local organisations a total of £254.50 was raised for the Royal British Legion. The Council funded a £200 donation to Horden Cadets and a £250 donation to the Buglers Association.

At 7pm on the Sunday Evening the Council organised the Beacon Lighting Service in the park. Horden were able to take part in a Nation's Tribute lighting a specially commissioned beacon to symbolise the 'light of hope' that emerged from the darkness of the war.

The Beacon was lit by Dawn Bellingham, from Horden, who was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in the 2017 New Years Honours for long and distinguished service in the Royal Air Force.



Horden's St. Mary's Church also joined 1000 Churches and Cathedrals throughout the country who rang their bells as part of Ringing Out for Peace at 7:05pm.

The December Christmas Tree Lighting Service, held 5th December 2018, was well attended and supported by Horden Salvation Army Band for the Carol Service.

Many residents attended these two events which have become regulars in the Parish Council Calendar.

Church Green

Church Green is the area of grass at the bottom of the Memorial Park opposite St Mary's Church. It has a number of seats, litter and dog bins. This area was registered by the Parish Council as a village green back in 2014, protecting the green from future development. In 2018/19 the wooden seating and planting area were refurbished and the grassed area was subject to ongoing maintenance.

Sunderland Road Playing Fields & Play Area

In 2018 the second phase of a programme of works to Sunderland Road Pavilion was completed. The building, which includes sports facilities used by local football teams, was identified by the council for significant development back in 2015.

An initial phase of work to bring the building back into use was undertaken in 2016 with internal refurbishment of the changing rooms and showers costing in excess of £100,000. Phase two included the commission of a full pitched roof fitted with anti-vandal tiles at a total cost of £60,000. The pavilion has now received a substantial investment with an aim to support the facility and bring it back into use.

The Council are committed to providing quality services for local people and this project reflects a significant investment for the future in order to support local sports teams.

Many football teams continue to be allocated pitch space at Sunderland Road. Currently there are 8 teams playing on the pitches.

Whippet racing also takes place on the fields on a Saturday morning, an activity which has a long tradition within the village.

The playing fields also cater for more informal activities such as five-a-side football, permanent mini goals are provided on the fields alongside a small play area for children.

In 2018/19 there were a number of summer events on the playing fields, funded by both of Horden's County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget, all events were very well received by those living locally.

Station Road Allotments

The allotments, situated at the end of Acacia Avenue, are on both sides of the railway bridge. Some of the site is rented by the Parish Council from Castle Eden Estates, the remaining part of the site belongs to the Parish Council. The whole site is rented to the Station Road Allotments Association who manage the site including collection of rents and run the "Garden Hut".

Cotsford Park Play Area

The area in the centre of the inner ring of houses at Cotsford Park is a registered village green for which the Parish Council has management responsibility.

A number of summer events were held in the play area throughout the 2018/19 school holidays. The events were funded by both Horden's County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget and delivered by Creative Youth Opportunities.

We received fantastic feedback from all who attended and the events were very much welcomed by those living locally.

Maritime Crescent Play Area, Grants Houses

The land at Maritime Crescent is in the ownership of Durham County Council, with the mini goals and play equipment belonging to Horden Parish Council. A number of summer events were held in the play area throughout the 2018/19 school holidays. The events were funded by County Councillor's Neighbourhood Budget and delivered by Creative Youth Opportunities.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council are statutory consultees on all planning applications submitted to Durham County Council. This means that the Parish Council have the opportunity to support or object against any applications submitted from within the village. During 2018/19 there were 19 applications considered by the Parish Council.

Grants

The Council give many grants and donations to local groups and charitable organisations during the year. Some of the grants are in the form of free or reduced rental use of Parish Council facilities, particularly the Social Welfare Centre. Other grants are in the form of monetary donations. All requests for grants are considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Listed below are the organisations who have received financial assistance in 2018/19:

Horden Banner Committee
Horden Brownies
Horden Guides
Horden Regeneration Partnership
Mechanics
Ju-Jitsu
Innovations
Patchwork
East Durham Community Transport
North East War Memorials
Great North Air Ambulance
Horden Under 18s CWFC
Hartlepool and District Hospice
YMCA Back on Track Programme

Partnership Working

In order to achieve more in the village the Parish Council works in partnership with others. This year those with whom partnerships have been formed include Durham County Council, Horden Regeneration Partnership, Heritage Coast, residents groups, sporting organisations and various community groups. If you think that we could achieve more by working with your group or organisation please contact the Clerk to the Council.

Finance and Funding

During 2018/19 the Council set a budget of £699,514. It is estimated that we spent £1,220,868 during the year, which includes some expenditure from earmarked reserves on capital projects, particularly Thorpe Road Cemetery Extension.

Our external auditors, Mazars, have set the audit date for the 2018/19 accounts as 5th July 2019. By law, any interested person has the right to inspect the Council's accounts. Any registered elector also has the right to ask questions about the accounts or challenge an item of account within them. The accounts will be available for public inspection for 30 working days from 2nd June 2019.

If you wish to exercise your right to inspect the accounts, please contact the Deputy Clerk/RFO, Gemma Rowe between the hours of 10am and 3pm on any of those dates stated.

In 2018/19 the Parish Council received funding from Durham County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget Fund for the following projects:

- Horden Holiday Activities £4,500 - activities throughout the 2018/19 school holidays at Horden Welfare Park, Sunderland Road Playing Fields, Cotsford Park Play Area and Maritime Crescent.
- Remembrance Sunday Centenary Celebrations £2,000.
- Chairman Community Awards £1,450.

The Year Ahead

Major projects planned in 2019/20 will include the completion of Thorpe Road Cemetery extension, a major review of the Parish Council's asset base, refurbishment of the Chapel of Rest and refurbishment and repairs to Council owned properties.

Please see the 2019/20 Strategic Plan on Page 12 for full details and estimated costs.



Strategic Plan

In December 2018, the Council continued a formal process of planning for the year ahead. Much has been achieved in the past five years and the Council wish to continue to improve services whilst concentrating on keeping increases to a minimum.

HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019

| | PROJECT | 2019 | APPROX COST |
|------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Allotments | NO PROJECTS IDENTIFIED | | |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £0 |
| Cemetery | | | |
| | GRAVE SHORING X2 | HIGH | £2,500 |
| | GRAVE BOARDS | HIGH | £1,500 |
| | CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT | HIGH | £10,000 |
| | CEMETERY LODGE - NEW BATHROOM & KITCHEN | HIGH | £5,000 |
| | REMEDIAL REPAIRS CEMETERY TOILET BLOCK | HIGH | £1,000 |
| | CEMETERY BOUNDARY WALL REPAIRS | HIGH | £5,000 |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £25,000 |
| Sunderland Road | ASBESTOS SURVEY BUNGALOW | HIGH | £400 |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £400 |
| Play Areas | NO PROJECTS IDENTIFIED | | £0 |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £0 |
| SWC | NO PROJECTS IDENTIFIED | | |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £0 |
| Memorial Park | | | |
| | STRENGTHEN INTERIOR CAGE | HIGH | £1,000 |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £1,000 |
| Administration | | | |
| | ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN | HIGH | £3,500 |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £3,500 |
| Capital | ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION CONDITION REPORTS ALL PROPERTIES | HIGH | £2,500 |
| | REWIRE CEMETERY LODGE & WELFARE HOUSE | HIGH | £4,000 |
| | GRANTS HOUSES & SUNDERLAND RD NOTICEBOARDS | HIGH | £2,000 |
| | NEW SWC BAR CASH REGISTER | HIGH | £1,000 |
| | x2 STRIMMERS | HIGH | £2,000 |
| | JOHN DEERE TRACTOR & BACK ACTER RESERVE FUND | HIGH | £5,000 |
| | SUB TOTAL: | | £16,500 |
| | TOTAL: | | £46,400 |

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| Welfare Park | | | |
| Horden Recreation Ground Charity Budget | | | |
| | NEW STRIMMER | HIGH | £1,000 |
| | ELECTRICAL WORK AND REPORTS FOR ALL PROPERTIES | HIGH | £6,500 |
| | REPLACE GUTTERING/DOWNSPIPE CRICKET PAVILION | HIGH | £350 |
| | ASBESTOS SURVEYS BOWLS PAVILION & AMBULANCE HOUSE | HIGH | £800 |
| | FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS BOWLS PAVILION/WORKS BUILDING | HIGH | £450 |
| | REPLACE VINYL FLOORING MALE TOILET IN AMBULANCE HOUSE | HIGH | £250 |
| | CRICKET ROLLER | HIGH | £6,000 |
| | TOTAL: | | £15,350 |

Members Attendance at Full Council Meetings

| Details: | R Bagnall | C Cain | J Clark | E Connor | D Langan | F Lead-bitter | A Turner | I Mclean | W Morrow | I Roberts | J Rob-inson | W Smith | D Tait | L Wil-liams | E Wood |
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| ANNUAL 10/05/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 10/05/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 15/05/2018 | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| F&GP 15/05/2018 | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 05/06/2018 | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 07/06/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 14/06/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 10/07/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 12/07/2018 | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | |
| F&GP 09/08/2018 | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 09/08/2018 | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 06/09/2018 | | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 02/10/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | | | | | | |
| HPC 04/10/2018 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | |
| HPC 23/10/2018 | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | |
| HPC 01/11/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 06/11/2018 | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | | | √ | | | √ | | √ |
| HPC 22/11/2018 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | √ | √ | | √ |
| HRG 04/12/2018 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 06/12/2018 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 08/01/2019 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| HRG 10/01/2019 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | |
| HPC 10/01/2019 | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | |
| HRG 05/02/2019 | | | | | √ | √ | | | √ | √ | | | √ | | |
| HPC 07/02/2019 | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | | √ |
| P&C 14/02/2019 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | | | √ | | |
| F&GP 14/02/2019 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | √ | | | √ | | |
| HRG 05/03/2019 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| HPC 07/03/2019 | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | | √ |
| HPC 04/04/2019 | | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | | √ | √ | √ | √ |

Note:

Sub-Committees which are not comprised of all Members have been omitted from this publication, the attendance at meetings listed above are solely for Meetings that all Members of the Council are summonsed to attend.

Abbreviations:

HPC - Horden Parish Council Meetings comprising of Full Council, Parks and Cemetery Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee.

HRG - Horden Recreation Ground Trustees Meeting (the Council are Sole Trustees).

P&C - Parks and Cemetery Committee.

F&GP - Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Members 2018/19 Allowances.

Listed below for public disclosure is the allowances and other expenses claimed by the Parish Council's elected Members during the financial year 2018/19.

| Surname | Forename | Title | Allowance £ | Subsistence £ | Mileage Claim £ | Total Payment £ |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bagnall | Rodie | Mr | 571.93 | 0 | 0 | 571.93 |
| Cain | Chris | Mr | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Clark | June | Ms | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Connor | Edna | Mrs | 536.13 | 0 | 0 | 536.13 |
| Langan | Douglas | Mr | 457.73 | 0 | 13.30 | 471.03 |
| Leadbitter | Francis | Mr | 532.33 | 0 | 0 | 532.33 |
| Mclean | Ian | Mr | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Morrow | William | Mr | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Roberts | Isabella | Mrs | 571.93 | 0 | 90.55 | 662.48 |
| Robinson | Jamie | Mr | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Smith | William | Mr | 571.93 | 0 | 0 | 571.93 |
| Tait | David | Mr | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Turner | Alison | Ms | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Williams | Laurence | Mr | 457.73 | 0 | 0 | 457.73 |
| Wood | Elizabeth | Mrs | 476.93 | 0 | 0 | 476.93 |

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How Did We Do?

Are you aware of the facilities and services Horden Parish Council offer?

- Yes
- No

Do you access any of the services Horden Parish Council offer?

- Yes
- No

How satisfied are you with the service?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Unsatisfied
- Very unsatisfied
- Not sure

Please rate the following aspects of the service

| | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Not Sure | Unsatisfied | Very unsatisfied |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Cost | | | | | |
| Professionalism and courtesy of staff | | | | | |
| Location | | | | | |
| Your awareness of this service | | | | | |

Do you have any suggestions on how the Parish Council can improve in future?

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Any further comments

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Summer Events 2019

This year Horden Parish Council are providing an extensive range of Summer Events providing lots of fun and educational family days out to keep the little ones (and big ones!) entertained throughout the summer weeks. We have Epic adventures this year who will be doing a range of things from Bushcraft to Archery and The Garage who are an innovative dance studio catering for all ages. We are hosting events in Maritime Park at Sunderland Road Playing Fields as well as the usual events we have on in the Welfare Park so please check the locations as well as the times this year. Please feel free to bring along a Picnic and make a day of it.

We hope you will all be able to participate and look forward to seeing you all having fun! If you need any further details please do not hesitate to contact the Parks and Cemetery Manager on 07770793560.

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| Tuesday 23rd July | Bouncy Castles - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Wednesday 24th July | The Garage - Welfare Park* | 10:00-12:00 |
| Wednesday 24th July | Epic Adventure - Welfare Park* | 13:00-15:00 |
| Thursday 25th July | Mini Golf - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Friday 26th July | The Garage - Maritime Park / Sunderland Road* | 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00 |
| Tuesday 30th July | Bouncy Castles - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Wednesday 31st July | The Garage - Welfare Park* | 10:00-12:00 |
| Wednesday 31st July | Epic Adventure - Welfare Park* | 13:00-15:00 |

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| Thursday 1st August | Mini Golf - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Friday 2nd August | The Garage - Maritime Park / Sunderland Road* | 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00 |
| Tuesday 6th August | Bouncy Castles - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Wednesday 7th August | The Garage - Welfare Park* | 10:00-12:00 |
| Wednesday 7th August | Epic Adventure - Welfare Park* | 13:00-15:00 |
| Thursday 8th August | Mini Golf - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Friday 9th August | The Garage - Maritime Park / Sunderland Road* | 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00 |
| Tuesday 13th August | Bouncy Castles - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Wednesday 14th August | Pirates in the park - Welfare Park | 12:00-16:00 |
| Thursday 15th August | Mini Golf - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Friday 16th August | The Garage - Maritime Park / Sunderland Road* | 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00 |
| Tuesday 20th August | Bouncy Castles - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Wednesday 21st August | The Garage - Welfare Park* | 10:00-12:00 |
| Wednesday 21st August | Epic Adventure - Welfare Park* | 13:00-15:00 |
| Thursday 22nd August | Mini Golf - Welfare Park | 13:00-15:00 |
| Friday 23rd August | The Garage - Maritime Park / Sunderland Road* | 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00 |
| Wednesday 28th August | The Garage - Horden Social Welfare Centre | 10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00 |

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