

WIDWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT AND FIANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

1. WIDWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Council Elections were held in the early May 2015. Three of the existing Councillors resigned.
No elections were called.

The Parish Council Meets every two months in Wilmington Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at the meetings by arrangement with the Parish Clerk. Minutes of meeting are displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

Devon County Council and East Devon District Councillors are always invited and have attended a number of our meetings. We very much value their input and assistance in helping us to resolve local issues. At this point I wish to thank Hellen Parr for all the work and support she has done for us, in Her time as a E.D.D Counciller.

A representative of Devon an Cornwall Police, PCSO Hayley Widger, Has been unable to attend due to her shift patterns but has kept in regular contact, with updates of crime reports.

2. THE A35.

The A35 is a standing agenda item at all of our Parish Council Meetings.
We have agreed the proposed improvements to the A35 ,Which include two traffic control crossing and extend the speed limit signs, Highways England are now seeking funding .

We are also having Highways England Asses and inprove the surface water cause and drainage.

A Speed Watch Group has been set up with over 20 members and great support throughout the Village , Which is now in using a mobile Speed Camera.
And seems to be a good deterrent for speeders.

3. CRIME IN THE PARISH.

There have been very Little Crime in our area, which were mostly at Sutton Barton Re-cycling Centre.

However, in order to keep the levels of crime to a minimum, we would ask that residents in the parish report anything untoward or suspicious to the police, and remain vigilant.

4.PLANNING.

There have been a number of planning applications submitted for the year. Parish Council members have visited each of the sites, discussing the proposal with the applications and the consulting with neighbours, when need and holding public consultations.

The Clerk has prepared notes for the public. " Outline and Detail Planning" to clarify the discussion for each type of planning. (What the council is to comment on)

5. VILLAGE ISSUES.

There has been a number of complaints, potholes on many of the lanes. Noise related manhole covers. Speeding . HGV's damaging property's . flooding and debris washed on to the roads.

There has been concern over planning in the centre of the village, and the impact of a large development.

6. VILLAGE HALL.

Regular updates about the activities in the village hall , are being publicised via flyers or signs outside the hall.

7. EXTERNAL MATTERS.

All matters relating to Widworthy Parish are conveyed to us by our representatives on East Devon District Council and we continue to support the cause of the parish when and wherever possible.

8. THE AUDIT REPORT.

Accounts for the year ending 31st of march 2017.

The Vice Chair, has prepared the accounts for the Audit report.

The Clerk received the Audit Report for 2015-16. Anyone interested in inspecting Widworthy Parish Council's Annual Return, can apply to the Parish Clerk.

A. Pearsall

Chairman Widworthy Parish Council