



**Stokesby with Herringby
Parish Council**

**Annual Report
May 2019**

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report, I would like to firstly thank the other councillors for their support over the year.

In the year we welcomed our new Clerk, Catherine Moore, and I would like to thank her for the smooth transition since Sarah Welsh retired from the role. I'm sure that all the councillors and I are looking forward to working with Catherine in the coming years.

We did not have an election on the 2nd May as there were only five people nominated to stand. This leaves vacancies on the council and we would welcome new people to fill the posts. We meet four times per year, and the commitment is as much or as little as you wish. Hopefully we can co-opt a female as the council is a bit male dominated at the moment.

Over the year work has been as normal sorting the general running of the parish and ensuring maintenance of the areas under our control. Under the topic of maintenance the road way round the Green by the river needs repairs carrying out, this has been quoted for by a contractor so we are look into sourcing funding for this.

You may have seen works being carried out by Open Reach, this is to bring broadband into the village via fibre cables, at present high speed broadband in the village is supplied by Symmetris. It will be up to individual choice whether you remain with Symmetris or change over to the new supplier once works are completed.

The Council are aware there is still an on-going issue with parking in the village, we have written to various parishioners to highlight concerns but we have little power to resolve the situation.

There is still the possible problem of rubbish being left behind by people on boats visiting the village. This situation needs to be monitored and if anyone has information or concerns these should be raised with Councillors and or Great Yarmouth Environmental Health.

I would like to thank you for reading this report, if you have any concerns regarding the parish please do not hesitate to get in touch with us – details are on the back page of this report.

Stuart Ward, Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2018/19

Receipts

	<u>2017/18 (£)</u>	<u>2018/19 (£)</u>
Precept, Shortfall & Concurrent Grant	5,870.00	8,407.00
Grants	146.50	0.00
Interest	1.32	3.92
VAT Reclaim	141.72	617.60
TOTAL	6,159.54	9,028.52

Payments

	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	Difference (£)
Churchyard & Open Spaces	2,837.00	2,298.00	-539.00
Salary	1,673.88	1,566.27	-107.61
Audit	81.00	84.00	+3.00
Hall Hire	90.00	0.00	-90.00
Insurance	280.00	280.00	0.00
Administration	105.24	63.06	-42.18
Miscellaneous	92.92	290.36	+197.44
Section 137	40.00	40.00	0.00
TOTAL	5,200.04	4,621.69	-578.35
VAT	617.60	36.30	
Capital Expenditure	2,780.00	0.00	
TOTAL	8,597.64	4,657.99	

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 31st March 2018	3,877.89
Total Income	9,028.52
Total Expenditure	4,657.99
Closing Balance at 31st March 2019	8,248.42
Earmarked Reserves:	
Street Furniture Fund	4,396.00
Ex Youth Club Fund	773.01
Staithe	500.00
Free Funds:	2,579.41

Your Parish Council

The villages of Stokesby and Herringby are represented by seven Parish Councillors: Stuart Ward (Chairman); Richard Youngs (Vice Chairman); Philip Crane; Rob Lloyd; Leigh-Ann Medhurst; David Murison; and Ed Wharton. The Parish Clerk is Catherine Moore.

The Parish Council meets four times per year at 7.30pm in Stokesby Community Hall, with the following meeting dates planned for 2019:

Wednesday 14th August

Wednesday 13th November

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 during the meeting. Alternatively, a Parish Councillor is available at the meeting location from 7.15pm if you wish to discuss something privately.

Your representative on Norfolk County Council is Mr Haydn Thirtle who can be contacted on 01493 368250 or emailed on haydn.thirtle.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk.

Your Great Yarmouth Borough Council representative is Adrian Thompson who can be contacted on 01493 39250 or email cllr.adrian.thompson@great-yarmouth.gov.uk.

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