

# COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL Annual Report 2008



## **Chairman's Report**

Planning, conservation, policing and affordable housing are all areas that have been high on the topics for debate and decision. Again the last year has been a fruitful time for the Parish Council and the village in general – but often when working with other agencies the process of achieving things can be incredibly time consuming and slow.

The additional recreational sports area to the north of the present recreation ground has had a couple of cuts and a stock fencing has been erected to the northern boundary. At the time of writing the overhead power cables are about to be placed underground, this has been a long drawn out affair because of the complexities of lease agreements with EDF.

The first Comberton Combathon (village sporting event for all ages) took place in June and was very successful with some talented youngsters taking part in the Herring Mile. The annual Christmas Lights event took place in December and again was well supported, with over 200 people turning out on a cold frosty evening.

The Connections youth bus continues to visit on a Tuesday and is well received by the youth of the village.

Following the uncontested Parish election we welcomed 2 new councillors, Mrs Julie Horne and Mr Jock Walsh. Mr David Ellis resigned his position in March 2008 and the vacancy has been advertised. In October 2007 South Cambridgeshire District Council held their Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting in the village hall. The Parish Council were able to put forward several concerns/questions relating to planning, exception sites, licensing and village design statements.

The Parish Council continues to support a number of village groups and activities through the S137 grants. The majority of the sections in the Parish Plan (written in 2003) have been reviewed and a high proportion of the tasks completed.

## Who and what is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council comprises 13 voluntary councillors who serve for a term of 4 years and represent an electorate of 1763.

The Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month except August with additional Planning Committee meetings being held as necessary. The agenda is displayed on notice board in South Street.

The public are welcome to attend these meetings and a short time is allocated on the agenda for comments and observations from members of the public. The Chairman and other members are available in the village hall to talk with parishioners before the meeting.



The Parish Council has representatives on other bodies outside the Parish Council and Councillors attend meetings on the Council's behalf.

Each member of the Council either serves on a committee or working group or has an area of responsibility.

## **Members' reports**

### ***Focus Group***

The focus group has responsibility for organising the community events and the placement of additional litter and dog bins. The group continues to work closely with the County Council on the enhancement and restoration of the ancient footpath between Barton Road and Swaynes Lane. (This has been delayed due to planning applications and planning appeals). This will include of the replacement of the parish-pump in Barton Road. The Christmas lights event again was a huge success.

### ***Footpaths – Parish Path Partnership (P3)***

Comberton continues to be a member of The Parish Paths Partnership (P3). This involves the parish working with the County Council to ensure that the footpaths are well maintained and accessible to all. Work has been delayed on the Barton Road to Swaynes Lane path [Footpath 5] due to recent planning applications. These were recently refused by SCDC, but taken to appeal by the owner. It was refused at appeal and an amended application was submitted. We should now be able to proceed with the planned work. This includes replacing the parish-pump that was 'removed' and enhancing this ancient pathway to improve access for all. The Bridleway from Long Road to Coton [Bridleway 3] has had a barrier erected. This has helped keep vehicles off the bridleway but there is still a fair amount of 'fly-tipping' that happens at the entrance to the wooded area. In Long Road we are continuing to look at improvements to the bridleway and nearby footpaths to improve the safety for all users. (Due to the speed and amount of traffic). We have surveyed all the rights of way within the parish and are working with local landowners to improve access to all.

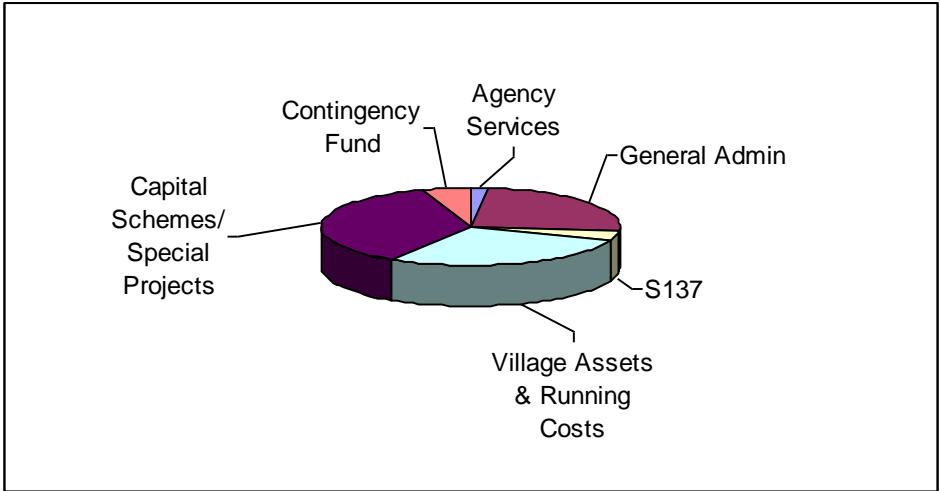
At the time of writing this report we are still waiting for the County Council to sign the agreements with landowners in order to create some new definitive and permissive paths in the village.

*NB Additional reports are available on the website*

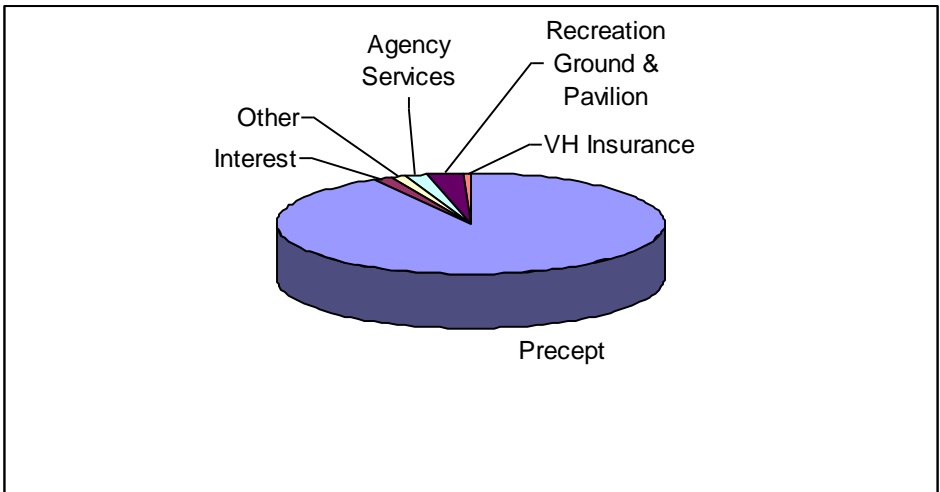
## Summary income and expenditure accounts

<b>2006/2007</b>		<b>2007/2008</b>
	<b>Assets</b>	
24899.65	Nat Savings D&M Account	25914.85
0.00	Lloyds Treasurers (Closed)	0
35628.09	Alliance & Leicester	40489.03
<u>0.00</u>	60527.74 Cash in hand	<u>0.00</u> 66403.88
	2414.58 Outstanding at bank	-504.24
	Debtors	
803.12		3605.73
<u>0.00</u>	Payments in advance	<u>0.00</u>
	803.12	3605.73
	26.25 VAT recoverable	1577.28
	<b>63771.69 Total Assets</b>	<b>71082.65</b>
-10203.22	Liabilities	-6508.69
	<b>53568.47 Total Assets less Liabilities</b>	<b>64573.96</b>
	0.00 Long term liabilities	0.00
	<u>0.00</u> Provision for doubtful debts	<u>0.00</u>
	<b><u>53568.47</u> Net Assets</b>	<b><u>64573.96</u></b>

## Expenditure



## Receipts



## Budget for the financial year ending 2009

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>	<b>Actual Mar-08</b>	<b>Budget 2009</b>
Agency Expenses (Grass cutting verges & P3 work)	1500	1040	0
General Administration	15034	12471	13370
Salaries	1716	1873	1872
S137 Grants	2450		2450
St Mary's Churchyard		750	
Comberton Warden Scheme		1000	
1st Comberton Scouts		300	
CCC Library Service		25	
Village & assets maintenance	14120	16029	15950
Capital Schemes/Special projects			
Additional Litter Bins, benches			600
Gazebo Purchase	200	138	
Village Events	750	552	750
Parish Plan proposals	0		200
Village Hall Loan	13500	13,499	13500
Land extension Loan	3366	3366	3366
Registration of Land	1000	707	
Recreation Ground Phase II			5000
Pond Wall	1600		0
TWG - interactive signs & road markings	3000		0
Youth Projects	2000	2013	5000
Pump	500		
Footway Lighting	300		350
Contingency fund 5%	3500	3077	3500
<b>BUDGETED EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>64536</b>	<b>56842</b>	<b>65908</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Precept	57886	57886.00	57858
Interest	2000	1015.20	2000
Other Income		770.35	300
Agency Services	1150	1137.92	500
Special projects & grants		0.00	0
Recreation Ground & Pavilion	1500	1902.69	2250
New build			3000
VH Insurance	2000	435.81	0
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>64536</b>	<b>63147.97</b>	<b>65908</b>

*NB Earmarked reserves income & expenditure is not included in these figures.  
For a copy of the full accounts please contact the Clerk*

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Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Mrs Dorothy Morison	5 The Valley	263027
Mr Robert Rintoul	57 West Street	262601
Dr Howard Roscoe	Brook Cottage, Royston Lane	262519
Mr Richard Rowlands	43 West Street	264508
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