

BROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AGM 9TH MAY 2018

Chairman's Report

The Council's ongoing policy is to try to retain the rural charm and character of Brougham and to set a low precept. However, the precept will rise next year to enable actions to meet the cost of transparency requirements and Government legislation.

Brougham Castle bridge was restored using matching stone and was reopened to its pre- storm Desmond traffic capacity on 13th December. Promised repairs to the damaged narrow lanes caused by the traffic diversion had not been started before the year-end but the traffic control order to allow closures for these repairs was published in April.

Objections to the proposal for an additional 34 chalets at Center Parcs were originally supported by a "minded to refuse" decision by EDC's Planning Committee but this was overturned at the next meeting. However, a letter from the agents, jda, was later received clarifying that, apart from 4 tree houses, this would be the last application for additional chalets.

Objections to the proposal for a residential development opposite Brougham Avenue were presented to EDC's Planning Committee and, with assistance from neighbours' objections, the plan was rejected.

There were no other major issues during the year though the number of other matters requiring Council action is increasing each year.

I would like to thank fellow councillors Janet Jennings, Sarah Harden and Richard Stables, Internal Auditor Ron Wood and District Councillor Henry Sawrey-Cookson for their continuing support and assistance during the year.

Finance Officer's Report

Income for the year was £1,035 higher than budget due to receipt of a Government grant to cover the cost of meeting the requirements of the Transparency Act. This also accounted for expenditure being £202 higher than budget with most of the expenditure carried over to next year. A positive cash flow was maintained and the year-end balance increased from £1,380 to £1,721.

A budget of £657 was set for 2018-2019. The resulting precept of £420 was a considerable increase but remains one of the lowest in the District. There was no requirement for a Special Expenditure budget.

The 2016-2017 Audit was approved without qualification. Since the year-end the 2017-2018 Annual Return has passed Internal Audit.

The Annual reviews of the Financial Regulations, Risk Analysis and Insurance Risk were conducted and no changes were considered necessary this year.

Clerk's Report 2017/2018

The Parish Council considered the following planning matters:

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| 17/0223 | Tree works at 1 Brougham Hall Gdns |
| 17/0556 | Residential development of the Brougham Avenue field |
| 3/17/9009 | Repairs to Brougham Bridge |
| 17/0715 | Tree pruning at 8 Brougham Hall Gdns |