# CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2008

The Council has had a busy year – This report is a summary of the activities that the Council has undertaken over the last year, April 2008 to March 2009.

Membership

Your Councillors remain as Cllrs Angela Ballard, Jack Fryer, Colin Hales, Jon Haworth and Peter Terry.

Jack Fryer became Chairman in May 2008 and Colin Hales Vice Chairman.

Clerk

Karen Parnell continues in her role of Clerk to the Council. In order to develop her skills further she is studying for a Degree in Local Government at the University of Gloucester.

Meetings

The Council has continued to meet every other month usually on the second Tuesday of the month (actual dates are posted on the notice board). Our meetings are well supported by District Councillors Kim James, Brian Slaughter and Daren Pemberton and by County Councillor Peter Barnes who attend regularly and impart knowledge and advice.

The council meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity to ask questions on any issue relating to the village and generally to find out what is going on in the area. We look forward to more people from the village making use of this facility in the future.

What have we done?

Village maintenance has been assessed continuously and a number of projects have been completed.

We have completed a major project to improve the flood defences of the village. This involved dredging out the Hay Brook in the area where floods occur regularly, including the culvert under the main road.  
We believe that this should improve the situation significantly for the future.

We have again won an award in the best kept village competition, and will enter again next year.

Planning

We have assessed and provided local input on a number of planning applications and represented the village at District Planning Meetings.

Applications No: 08/00085/LBC and 08/00084/FUL  
Mr T Ley, The Barns:  
Relocation of satellite dish.  
Construction of car shed and stables.  
Change of use of land to residential curtilage.  
Retention of shed and satellite dish – OBJECT – Granted with conditions

Application No: 08/01155/FUL  
Mrs F Buxton, Lodge View:  
Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage in order to create new vehicular access / drive to existing dwelling – OBJECT – Granted with conditions

Application No: 08/02429/FUL  
Mr B White  
Fish Inn, Wixford:  
Erection of external staircase – OBJECT

Amendment to include 2m high timber screen along both northern and eastern sides of platform.  
Granted with conditions

Application No: 08/02446/FUL  
Mr B White  
Fish Inn, Wixford:  
Change of use for stationing of an outside kitchen – OBJECT – After committee hearing: Granted with conditions.

Application No: 08/02991/FUL  
Mr R Owens  
Hillside, Wixford:  
Two storey extension to side – SUPPORT – Granted with conditions.

Finance

For the year 2007-08 Wixford received an unqualified audit return from the external auditor.

Karen Parnell is the Responsible Financial Officer to the Council.

The precept was set in November 2008 at ï¿½ 5000.

The budget has been set for 2009 – 2010

The Council reviewed its Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Fixed Asset Register at the January 2009 meeting.

Statement of Accounts

31 March 2007 31 March 2008 31 March 2009  
Balances brought forward 4175 10863 7659  
Annual precept 4500 500 5000  
Total other receipts 5207 907 3916  
Staff costs 1439 1995 2034  
Loan interest / Capital repayment NIL NIL NIL  
Total other payments 1580 7116 6708  
Balances brought forwards 10863 7659 7833  
Total cash and investments 10863 7659 7833  
Total fixed assets and long term assets 1120 2920 2920  
Total borrowings NIL NIL NIL

Communication with Parishioners

It is very important that the Parish Council communicates well with the Parish. Over the last year the Parish Council has done this in the following ways:

Public participation in meetings.

Regularly updated information on the notice board and Website, including agendas for meetings.

Newsletters published at least four times a year.

The Clerk’s postal address, e mail address and telephone number are publicised on the noticeboard and on newsletters, as are the Councillor?s.

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Your Council and Clerk are here to help. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Signed:

Jack Fryer

Chairman – Wixford Parish Council

24th March, 2009