



CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Catcliffe Memorial Hall
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Chairman's Report

This year the Parish of Catcliffe became smaller. The decision by RMBC to create a new parish of Waverley not only made Catcliffe smaller as a village, it also reduced the amount of money Catcliffe receives in council tax precept by around £18000, a loss of about a quarter of the previous year's budget. Catcliffe Parish Council voted to keep the existing boundaries in place but this was overturned by RMBC following a public vote.

The loss of such a large amount from our 2019/2020 budget meant that we had to drastically slash costs from our budget, increase charges for football pitches, increase the Parish precept by 11% and use funds from Parish reserves. This is clearly unsustainable and further cost reduction will be required this year. Catcliffe Parish Council approached RMBC to help reduce the impact of the loss of money but they offered no help.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Wilkinson for 49 years' service as a Parish Councillor. Tony retired from the council at the April meeting and was presented with a set of crystal drinking glasses by the Mayor of Rotherham Alan Buckley and his wife, and an engraved glass paper weight by the Parish council. I wish Tony all the best for the future.

I'd also like to thank Jamie Baggaley for his contribution to Catcliffe Parish Council over the last 2 years as he moves back up the hill to the new Parish of Waverley.

Many residents have been concerned by the Barratt Homes development. Issues of noise, excess water, heavy vehicles, dust, parking and pile driving were the main issues. Barratt's have met with the Parish Council a number of times to try and resolve these problems. Barratt's promised to inform residents by email on a weekly basis as to the progress of the development. Unfortunately, this promise has not been met.

Concerns were also raised by residents when surface water from the Howarth Estates development partially flooded Poplar Way and the area around the lower gate. A site meeting between Parish Councillors and the Hurworth Estate engineers was arranged and assurances given that a new catchment pond would address the flooding issue in future – we'll keep a close eye on that.

Around the village new litter bins have been installed to replace the missing ones after much campaigning by the Parish Council. A donation of £200 by RMBC was used to purchase plants for the Memorial Hall Garden and to buy Poplar trees for the recreation ground to replace those trees cut down following the floods of 2000 & 2007. These trees will be planted in the Autumn. Friends of

Catcliffe also donated Spring bulbs and made an attractive addition to the Hall gardens. Permission was given to the Bowling Club to provide shelters and seating around the bowling green area.

Booking for the Memorial Hall continue to grow with a new baby assessment clinic and a baby weighing clinic available as a free service. Other activities include yoga, Scottish Dancing, Active Regen, Boot Camp, Indoor Bowling, Chance to Dance as well as other private functions.,

Finally, I'd like to thank David Bent and Hellen for their hard work and contribution to the Parish over the last 19 years and wish them both well in their new diocese of Peterborough.

Garry Marsh

Chairman Catcliffe Parish Council