



*Winterton-On-Sea  
Parish Council  
Annual Report 2021*

## **Your Parish Council**

The village of Winterton-on-Sea is represented by nine Parish Councillors: Mark Bobby (Chairman); Nigel Coe (Vice Chairman); Marie Hartley; John Smithson; Norman Parcell; Liam McMahon, Marina Carr and Dawn Clegg. The Parish Clerk is Stacey Kent.

The Parish Council meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month (except in December). This may be in a virtual format or at Winterton-on-Sea Village Hall.

Parish Council agendas are published on the Parish Council website three 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 monthly full Parish Council meetings. A time is set aside for public comments before the meeting begins. Alternatively, Parish Councillors can be contacted via the website if you wish to discuss something privately.

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# Councillors and Chairman Reports

## Chairman's Report

Due to the virtual format Mark Bobby gave a verbal report which will be added to the annual report for publication on the website. He added that virtual meetings were no longer permissible under the legislation (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) which took effect on 4th April 2020. This legislation remains in place until 7 May 2021 only.

The Chairman's seat is currently vacant and to be elected out of the current Council which is now at full capacity. Cllr Bobby added that two-way transparency is encouraged as well as working as a 'team' with parishioners. As a consensus the Parish Council hope to achieve what is best for the village as a whole and by working

Challenges around parking and erosion were ongoing and the impact this has had on the Dunes Café. Work is still ongoing which has been managed with some solutions such as the cones. He added it is recognised that there is further work needed and welcomed more contributions to Parish Council meetings as a collective approach.

Covid-19 – Thanks were given to Cllr John Smithson who had formed the Covid Emergency Response Group in response to the pandemic and to help those most vulnerable. The group will continue to keep supporting people within the community which had included dog walking and shopping. Cllr Bobby recognised that further thanks was needed for this groups to recognised with their continued hard work.

Allotments – work was near to completion with some planned testing. Cllrs had erected some new fences as replacement for older ones removed as part of the water installation work.

Planning – had been monitored and continues to be raised when required.

SAM Sign is also a responsibility and the Chair wanted to encourage more people to help contribute to the work of the Parish Council and welcomed volunteers as this is an essential part of community life.

Looking forward: to the reduction of covid restrictions and more people will visit the village. He called for 'respect' from visitors towards local residents in relation to litter, parking and dog-walking.

## **Playing Field Management – Cllr Hartley**

The playing field has remained popular for daily dog walking, sport & physical exercise for residents throughout the year and, with the challenging year of Covid restrictions, recognised even more so as an invaluable, outdoor open space for our village. In accordance with the Government lockdown guidance and GYBC recommendations, the playing field car park remained closed during the three national lockdown periods to deter and discourage visitors to our village.

Winterton Cricket Club responded well to National Cricket Board Covid guidelines introduced; they continued to maintain their cricket wicket, coordinate social-distanced training & net practice and eventually, once restrictions allowed, enjoyed some summer fixtures for both juniors and adults. The playing field management committee met virtually primarily to discuss the ongoing project to replace the changing rooms.

The Covid restrictions inevitably prevented any significant progress during 2020. However, changing room access was not allowed due to Covid restrictions therefore only the toilets were in use. The Cricket Club carried out some interim roof repairs to keep the portacabin water tight and in preparation for the 2021 season, the electrical inspection has been completed.

We are now exploring options & costs to provide a like for like replacement of the existing portacabin to provide changing rooms and toilet facilities to serve future users of the playing field.

## **Resident Communications – Cllr Carr**

I was co-opted onto the council in August 2020 after interview. The pandemic was creating significant disruption to all councils and everything had moved 'online' through necessity, but this excluded some members of the public. It became clear to me that, although the Parish Council had achieved a Neighbourhood Plan consultation and traffic management meetings during the year, we were not communicating with all residents. Further, the various and changing

rules of lockdowns and Tier restrictions meant that public meetings, targeted consultations, and even deliveries were either not permitted or would be felt inconsiderate. In May 2020, the Parish Council had voted to suspend its newsletter until it could be re-established as a resident-led activity. The post of 'Resident Communications' was created in January 2021 and I am the 'responsible Councillor': its full remit is still not defined but it is intended to manage communications with the community of Winterton-On-Sea to include information sharing, consultations, notices, public statements and signage.

At present, in line with the Parish Council's policies, it expressly excludes online social media and currently, the Parish Council's website is the responsibility of the Parish Clerk. The immediate remit in Resident Communications was to establish a resident-led newsletter which we have done (I hope you enjoyed the first issue and the next is due in the first week of June).

This has been led by Peter Robins and our editor is Tina Clarke, supported by a great team of distributors and fledgling association group. And residents with tales to tell! Almost immediately, it became clear that a newsletter needed to be independent from the Parish Council to enable faster decision-making, including financial.

Therefore, it requires a separate association to manage its own finances and my current major activity is enabling that newsletter association of residents, which will raise its funds through advertising, sponsorship and donations, while providing the parish council pages for that newsletter. The Parish Council is an ongoing sponsor of the Winterton-On-Sea newsletter but has no editorial control.

Over Christmas 2020, we put out public statements regarding the damage to the car park, loss of the café, closure of the toilets and traffic management. I have helped design the current coastal erosion survey (closes 1<sup>st</sup> June, please complete!) and we are working on a 'style guide' that will (eventually) bring all signs, documents, notices and webpages produced by Winterton-On-Sea Parish Council to be an immediately recognisable 'brand'.

There will be no retrofitting of the 'brand' as this is not a value-for-money activity for the residents of Winterton. Communication is – or should be – two-way, and residents are welcome to contact me. However, of course, normal Parish Council business is managed by the Clerk who should usually be contacted in the first instance.

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### **Coast and Environment – Cllr Punchard**

Worked with agencies and local community to support a more joined up approach to managing visitors during busy seal pupping season. This included recommending a voluntary beach closure north of cafe and the better co-ordination of parking enforcement officers for busy days.

I have also developed good working relationships with Natural England, Friend of Horsey Seals, AONB, Broads Authority, Norfolk County and hopefully representatives of Winterton's fishing community

**Coastal Erosion:** We are doing some research on the policies and agencies who manage costal erosion so we can see how best to influence discussions with regards to costal erosion.

**Toilets:** I have applied to Great Yarmouth Tourism and Business Improvement grant to support cleaning of the toilets over the summer period and also been liaising with the artist who has offered to paint the mural.

**Facebook Page:** I am an admin on the councils Facebook Page

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### **Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor James Bensly**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the clerks and parish councillors personally for each parish at this time during this unprecedented year. You all have been the bedrock of our communities and I cannot thank you all enough. Thank you for your hard work and help as we move out of this unprecedented time and look forward to the future of our town and communities.

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## Local Groups and Organisation Reports

### 901 Troop TS Fearless Marine Cadets – Rachel Tooke

Report for previous year 2020/21:

2020 and 2021 have been a very difficult year for the troop with lockdown. We had to quickly adapted the training to suit an online platform Zoom has been our best friend for the last year. In late August/September 2020 we did return to outside activity for a little while and we did manage to do an overnight exercise with the cadets which was a high light of the very difficult year. We also manage to get the armoured car the ferret overhauled with a full engine service, repairs and new batteries completed by a military specialist 'Shaun Hindle' at New Buckingham.

We helped coastal villages practice with the flu jab clinic at Flagg High school directing traffic to the right tent and the cadets worked hard that day and so did the nurses and doctors. January 2021 saw the start of a big fund-raising push for a new minibus which was achieved in 8 weeks of setting up the just giving page with a huge amount raised for the unit and the bus is now in service for cadet nights and events and trips.

This year as also been a year of development with the whole training course being updated and new layout to be able to deliver a full set of training to all the cadets over 400 hours have been put into this with the great commitment of the new training officer C/Sgt Justin Brown

Videos for training have been made by c/Sgt David Holman our Royal Marine Commando specialising in fieldcraft for the cadets to get knowledge and information before going out into the field. We launched a new website which has been worked on for hours along with Facebook stories to keep people up to date. We are now rebuilding numbers and we are still recruiting cadets and staff to join us we are looking for staff. Join us to help with training events and to help rebuild the band as we have lost 80% of the band due to cadets moving on to college university and going into the forces.

In closing we are now back open and the cadets and staff are enjoying being back face to face and looking forward to a fantastic future.

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### **Winterton Cricket Club – Geoff Roper**

Only 5 weekends were possible, and players played friendlies as the leagues were cancelled. During the winter the old scoreboard has been replaced with a digital face, and can now be operated by remote control. It has smartened up the ground considerably. A new boundary rope has also been bought. The dilapidated changing rooms remain an eyesore and let the ground down. The first team play in division 4 of the Norfolk Alliance, and the seconds in division 4 of the Norfolk League. The ladies team has 6 Sunday morning games. Junior coaching is every Monday evening, and senior nets occur on Tuesday evening. The playing strength is good with several new additions and the club is in a healthy position.

### **Winterton Cinema Society – Geoff Roper**

The club only managed to show 'Yesterday' the Beatles film, and 'Downton Abbey' in January and February last year before lockdown. We intend to start again on Saturday June 26th at the village Hall. Audiences averaged out around 42. Thanks to the volunteers who provided refreshments.

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### **Winterton Bowls Club - Dave Oliver (Greens Team)**

Despite a late start to our outdoor bowling season in early June, 2020, we introduced a booking system, which, for the first time, allowed members and visitors to bowl on every afternoon of the week. With only about half of our membership bowling during the year, because of Covid restrictions and protocols, this has provided a small revenue stream, to help the Clubs financial position. We intend to continue this practice, to make the Club more readily available to all who to play bowls, and when restrictions allow, re-introduce the Saturday afternoon roll-ups. The volunteer greens team of four, have continued to maintain the bowling green, and the surrounding areas of the Club site, throughout the entire period, of the Covid emergency, following necessary protocols. The green is in great condition for play, considering weather conditions so far this year. We opened for play on the 10th April and will continue through until late September. The Parish Council agreed to a proposal for an advertising board on the Bowls Club site, to advertise the hire of our own Village Hall. The Bowls Club will receive a small annual fee for the advertising space and it will benefit both parties.

## Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2020/21

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>2019/20 (£)</u>	<u>2020/21 (£)</u>
Precept, Concurrent & Shortfall Grants	41,920.00	65,276.63
Parish Council Income	1391.96	1440.13
Village Hall Income	3430.17	750.00
VAT Reclaim	991.32	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,733.45</b>	<b>67,466.76</b>

<u>Payments</u>	2019/20 (£)	2020/21 (£)	Difference (£)
Concurrent Functions	6434.73	7760.57	1325.84
Staffing	18454.02	22,652.56	4198.54
Administration	5250.56	3028.28	-2222.28
Outside Spaces	5671.65	3069.74	2601.90
Neighbourhood Plan	900.00	2940.00	2040.00
Changing Rooms	1608.72	0.00	-1608.72
Village Hall	6046.48	5237.80	-808.68
Section 137	500.00	0.00	-500.00
Miscellaneous	846.33	879.22	32.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,712.49</b>	<b>45,568.17</b>	

### Bank Reconciliation

<b>Opening Balance at 1st April 2020</b>	53,769.08
Total Income	67,466.76
Total Expenditure	45,568.17
<b>Closing Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>75,667.67</b>