

AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 2017

Once again, this has been a difficult year for the Parish Council simply due to the fact that there have been so few of us. For the majority of the year we have had four Councillors but at the beginning of March 2017 Jane Peake announced her intention to resign with immediate effect. This left three of us, with myself, as Vice Chairman, stepping into the role of Chairman for the past couple of months. At this point I would like to declare publicly our sincere thanks to Jane Peake, who has served the community in several guises over many years – firstly on the former Airmyn Playing Fields Association and latterly for many years on the Parish Council, serving as Chairman from May 2015. Jane has taken her duties seriously and has done everything she could in the best interests of the village and for that we are very grateful.

Jane's resignation, however, has brought to a head the massive problem that the Parish Council now faces with just three Parish Councillors. Every household will have received a letter from us over the last few days detailing our concerns and I do hope that some people here tonight, or perhaps people that you know, will come forward to be involved in our village community again for the good of everyone. Airmyn Parish should be under the control of Airmyn people, not outsiders who have no understanding of what we need.

Bearing all of those difficulties in mind, we have managed to steer the ship bravely through choppy waters and have seen many good things come out of this past year:

**Bracken Hill** has continued to develop and there have been several activity days for people of all ages. The site is still being worked on and is being tidied and cleared of rubbish with planting of trees, bulbs and wild flowers taking place. The intention is for the area to be a place of beauty for the village to enjoy, but there is still work to do and we will keep you up-dated as it progresses. We hope that a further grant will be given to us in the next few months to enable this work to carry on.

**Riverbank and Flood Defence Work** has finally begun and, whilst this is a task that will take some time to complete, we trust that the village will be much safer from the risk of flooding as a result.

**A Dog and Litter Bin** has been purchased and installed on Ferry Lane to allow dog walkers to have a bin to use at that end of their walk along the riverbank.

And finally **The Precept**: This is your money, which is allocated as part of your Council Tax payments. Over this past year we have tried to be good custodians of that money, spending only where it was necessary or for the benefit of our residents and we are particularly pleased that we have not had to increase the precept at all for the forthcoming year.

We continue to work for the good of our Village Community to the best of our abilities and, although we cannot please everyone all the time, you can rest assured that whatever we have done over this past year has been with the best of intentions.

Susan Hayward  
Acting Chairman

AIRMYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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With regard to the Village Hall, we have had some very good outcomes over this past twelve months.

The major improvement on site has been in **the kitchen area**. We purchased a new electric oven and warming cabinet. We have had new kitchen cupboards and a fridge installed by HOWDEN KITCHENS, free of charge. The two areas were also decorated by one of our residents, Debbie Kirk of DEBORAH'S DECORATING, who donated the materials and her time to paint both the preparation and cooking areas. The kitchen now looks bright and clean and is a pleasure to work in.

During the year we had major repairs to **the drainage system**, which failed quite dramatically during the visit of the German group in Spring 2016, but I am pleased to say that, even though I spent August Bank Holiday Monday last year looking into the sewerage tank with the drainage engineer, after working on it for most of the day, it was eventually sorted out and is now running well.

**The German group**, led by Claus Humbert visited us again in April of this year and we are pleased to report that all went well, even though it was a much larger group than normal. The work previously outlined in the kitchen and to the drainage really proved its worth for the 46 people who were camping out in the hall for that week. The weather even helped and so the group went home very happy.

I am pleased to report that **bookings in the hall** continue to increase and we now have a vast array of different activities going on:

Weekly sessions of Line Dancing and Sequence Dancing and a Jive group who attend once a month; Adult and children's football groups several times a week; Archery, Pilates, Meditation, two badminton groups, pickleball and our over 50s sporting activity group called Grin & Tonic.

There is also adult and children's Bingo, flower arranging groups, sewing classes, a ukulele group and, of course, we continue to play host to Goole Post Office on a Tuesday afternoon so that our residents have easy access to Post Office facilities without having to travel into Goole. We have also been the venue for quite a few children's birthday and Christening parties over the year and the local Rotary Club continue to hold their larger events here with us. We have also seen the reinstatement of the Table Top Sales and hope to hold more in future months. This increase in bookings means that the main hall is in use several times every day and the George Dales room also has regular bookings throughout the week.

During the year I have been very hands-on and have kept a close eye on the day-to-day running of the hall and I am delighted to be able to say that, for the first time in five years, the hall is in the black financially. All in all it has been a very positive year which we hope to continue to build on.

Susan Hayward  
Acting Chairman



## Mathew Lowe

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**From:** Ruth Lowe <airmynnews@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** 03 May 2017 17:28  
**To:** Mathew Lowe  
**Subject:** Fw: Annual Parish Meeting  
**Attachments:** lettervolgroups2017newsletter.pdf

*Best Regards,  
Ruth Lowe*

*Editor, Airmyn News*

On Wednesday, 3 May 2017, 17:23, Ruth Lowe <airmynnews@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Nichola,

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting, but Helen Cowling will be representing the Airmyn News.

Last year due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to publish the full number of editions of Airmyn News. Ruth Lowe took over the editorial role from Rachel Shelton in December 2016. We also changed treasurer to Sue Krysko and distribution is now handled by Valda Marshall. The printing of the newsletter is done by Airmyn Park Primary School at a reduced cost. The Airmyn News is now back on track for 2017.

*Best Regards,  
Ruth Lowe*

*Editor, Airmyn News*

On Thursday, 13 April 2017, 15:32, Airmyn PC <airmynpc@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Ruth

Invite for you and can you please include the newsletter.

Thanks  
Nichola

Clerk Airmyn Parish Council.

This employment is only on a part time basis and I will reply to your query as soon as possible.



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## **Coach House Committee Report to Annual Parish Meeting 3/05/2017**

The past year seems to have been very slow as far as progress with our project has been concerned.

**Where We Currently Are** - We still remain positive in our plans to make the Coach House a Village Community Building despite all the obstacles to the contrary.

Our application for a Faculty was submitted to the DAC in Sheffield and although the committee reacted favourably we still had to submit more details before the application was accepted. Thanks go to Rev Ball for his hard work on the plans, which now include minute details such as the colour of the tiles, light fittings, proposed colour schemes for the walls etc. and are held on computer file so they are readily available for sending by email.

The Coach House Committee secretary and I visited our Solicitor's Pinkney Grunwell in Bridlington on the 23rd January this year to have what turned out to be a very cumbersome and 'legal speak' lease document explained to us. The outcome of this meeting was a number of amendments were requested via our solicitor to the Diocesan solicitor. Almost four months later we are still awaiting an outcome of our request. Until the lease is in place the Diocesan Committee will not sign off the Faculty, and without this we cannot start any work. Catch22 situation.

We only have one builder to date who is interested in taking on the alterations to the building. We have other builders to approach but until we have the lease and Faculty in place we have decided that it is pointless approaching anyone else for a quote as usually the people concerned need a start date.

To reiterate my opening sentence things move very slowly. Once the lease is in place we are assured by the Rev. Ball that our Faculty will be granted.

**Fund Raising** – During the past year we held one open day and also ran two bonus ball competitions, the proceeds when added together, provided a healthy amount to add to our funds.

**Next Steps**- Normally we would have had further plans at this juncture but everything is on hold at present because of the delay with the lease. This is very disappointing to the committee members.

**Open Day** – We are holding our next open day on the 17<sup>th</sup> June to enable us to keep in touch with our supporters and let them know just where we are with our conversion. Hopefully we will have some positive news by then.

**A report prepared on behalf of the Airmyn Parochial Church Council reviewing the principal events and activities in the life of our village church, St. David's, during the past year for presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting which is to be held in the Airmyn Memorial Hall on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017.**

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### **The church building:**

The PCC has changed direction during the past year in its efforts to have the repairs carried out to the church roof, the gable ends and the gutters, which were all identified as being 'urgent' in the Quinquennial Inspection report made in May, 2014 by one of the architects employed by our Diocese of Sheffield. Instead of submitting a second application for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, a process which is very protracted and with no guarantee of success at the end, the PCC is paying its architect, Mr Graham Saxton, to draw up detailed specifications for all these repairs and to put them out to tender to three different specialist builders. The replacement of several broken or slipped roof tiles is being tendered for separately to all the rest because these are in a considerably worse condition than they were when the Q.I. report was made. The PCC has undertaken to pay for these repairs, which will cost about £1,000, and the architect's fees, which will come to just over £3,000, from its existing funds but the major repairs that are required to the east and west gables at their intersections with the roof and for the refurbishment of the gutters will be too expensive for the PCC to afford from its own funds. It is therefore intended to apply for grant aid from a combination of local funding organisations to meet all or most of these costs. The long-overdue redecoration of the interior, which was last done in the year 2000, cannot be undertaken until these other major repairs have been carried out. The provision of a kitchen area within the church, which was being discussed at this time last year, has also been deferred by the PCC until the redecoration of the interior has been carried out.

### **The church services:**

The service pattern that was established in 2013 continues to function quite well. Unlike the two other parishes in our Benefice, Hook and Rawcliffe, which have all their services on Sunday mornings, Airmyn has morning services, starting at 10-00, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, and evening services, starting at 6-00, on the first and third Sundays of each month. If there is a fifth Sunday in each month, each of the three churches takes it in turn to play host to the congregations from the other two churches for a so-called Benefice service starting at 10-00 am. Our morning services are taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Philip Ball, whilst one of our evening services is taken alternately by Canon Cyril Roberts of Snaith and Francis Sykes from Rawcliffe and the other by one of our churchwardens, Janet Rushby or David Galloway, or by our qualified worship leader, Mrs. Zee Greenacre. We are grateful to all these people for taking our evening services and for enabling the present very satisfactory system to be sustained. We also continue to be grateful to the regular and cheerful attendance of the Goole Christchurch choir members at our evening services because they provide a real boost to the quality of our music and to the general tone of the services. Attendance from parishioners is stable but too low to be entirely satisfactory. As was said at this time last year, we need a new generation of younger people to start attending our services quite frequently if our church's survival for future generations is to be guaranteed. There is more to life than computers and tablets. The PCC has discussed the need to acquaint more people with the nature and origins of Christianity and feels that perhaps we should seek to develop a simpler and more basic discussion format to achieve this, whereby people would feel more at ease and free to express their doubts or worries or their uncertainty about certain aspects of the Christian faith. Traditional Bible Study courses are ongoing but some potential newcomers to the faith might find them too highbrow.

**The church finances:**

The financial situation of our church remains stable and it had a very useful working surplus of £2,240.95 for the year 2016. In view of the forthcoming major outlays for essential repairs to the building that have already been mentioned, however, there will certainly be no surplus this year and a major working deficit seems to be on the cards. It all depends upon how successful our applications for grants are. The villagers as a whole continue to be very supportive of their church and their response to our fund-raising events is inevitably generous. We remain very grateful for this support and we hope that they appreciate that their church is always there for them.

**The churchyard:**

The concern expressed last year about the risk of people emerging from the St David's View entrance to the churchyard being hit by a car has been alleviated by the provision of a self-closing gate which prevents anyone running straight out on to the road.

During the past year, there have been more burials in the newly-allocated area of the churchyard which had formerly been reserved just for members of the Wells family. During the digging of the second of these graves, it was discovered that a live underground electric cable supplying power to the two lights along the churchyard path runs within a few feet of this new burial area. The course of this cable has been marked on a map which has been sent to five different local firms of undertakers so that their gravediggers can be instructed to take care to avoid the area where it lies.

Also during the past year, Mr. Graham Backhouse has very generously donated a brand new lawnmower for use in the upkeep of the churchyard, replacing the previous one which had become beyond repair, and we are very grateful to him for this gesture.

We should perhaps mention at this point that there is now a need to find another volunteer to join the existing mowing team of four men and one lady that keeps the churchyard tidy. The volunteer would take a turn at mowing some of the grass during the season and this would involve a couple of hours' work once every three weeks.

**The church magazine:**

The church magazine contains detailed news about all three parishes in our Benefice. It is published at the beginning of each month and costs £6 per annum. Advertisers are welcome for a fee which depends upon the size of the advert. It is currently selling about 300 copies each month altogether in the three parishes

**Families, Youth and Development Officer:**

The Rev. Marion Ball, the wife of our Vicar, is beginning to make her influence felt in all the seven parishes for which she has now has responsibility as their Families, Youth and Development Officer. Several events and activities have been organised by her in Airmyn during the past year for children up to the age of eleven, with the assistance of some of their parents, and this is a welcome development which we hope to see expanded.



## Annual Parish Council Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

### AIRMYN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I would like to present the W I's report for 2016.

We didn't have a meeting in January, instead we had our Christmas dinner at the White Swan, Bubwith, and was enjoyed by all.

Our membership has increased by three bringing the total number of members to 28.

Mrs Cathy Galloway is now the Web Co-ordinator, she keeps all the records up to date on the WI website. You can read all details about the Airmyn WI on the main WI website.

Our speakers throughout the year have been varied and interesting, for example we have walked the Ouse Way with one speaker, visited Snaith Memorial Gardens with another, had hot cross buns and chocolate Easter eggs and so the list goes on. We have also had days out travelling by coach which were very enjoyable for our members.

Members have knitted premature baby clothes for special baby care units, sewn baby clothes to send to Africa, made toilet bags up for distribution to women who find themselves in the unfortunate situation of having to escape their home and enter a women's refuge.

We celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by holding a Royal Buffet, where red, white and blue was a theme.

We have supported the Federation Fund Raising at St Crux, in York. Decorated a Harvest window and also read a lesson at the Carol Service at St David's Church here in Airmyn and also served teas at Airmyn Park Primary School.

Fund raising has gone well with an Afternoon Tea, two table top sales and a Fashion Show. This enabled the Speakers Fees and room hire to be secure for 2017.

Fund raising is still important for us to survive.

We still maintain to be a happy friendly group and thank the Parish Council for their continued interest

AIRMYN PARISH EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM  
2016 REPORT TO AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2017

The Team has grown again in strength and currently has 22 members. This means that all streets/roads etc in the Parish of Airmyn now have one, if not two, Street Co-ordinators. These Co-ordinators are available to assist, if requested and will also have some knowledge of the householders in their area.

A Newsletter was published and distributed throughout the Parish in early and late 2016 and gave information concerning the Environment Agency's (EA) proposed plans for flood defence work in the village and also re-published contact telephone numbers and websites should individuals wish to use them in an emergency flood situation. Leaflets on "Before" and "After" flooding were provided by the EA and were also distributed.

Members of the EA Flood Defence and Flood Resilience Teams came to the village twice in 2016 to update the Team and Parish Councillors on proposed work and to answer any questions arising from that work.

Work has been carried out to fill in the Scour Hole in the riverbed opposite the Clock Tower and reinforcement of the banking will take place towards The Percy Arms. A new gauge board, provided by the EA, is due to be sited opposite The Paddock and will provide a more visual indication of the river's levels.

The EA were looking for Flood Wardens to work as part of their voluntary teams and to be their "Eyes and Ears" on the ground in any flood situation. Four volunteers came forward: Paul Gardiner, Rob Charlesworth, Allan Thompson and Ian Dickinson. These volunteers will answer and report directly to the EA, will receive the appropriate training by the EA and will wear identifying High Viz clothing denoting their positions of Flood Wardens and with the EA logo. Two of these volunteers are happy to remain part of the Airmyn Emergency Team also.

Councillor Caroline Fox, kindly applied for and was granted funding, for the purchase of sandbags, sand containers, shovels and sand. This was subsequently



amended to filled sandbags which would be delivered, on a one-off basis. A letter was sent to every household asking people to request sandbags if they felt that their circumstances led them to believe that they were in a vulnerable situation ie they would not have the physical means to protect themselves without assistance or transport to go and purchase bags themselves elsewhere. Three hundred (300) bags were delivered and initially stored by kind permission of Graham Backhouse and two Emergency Team Members, Hugh Peake and Allan Burton kindly spent their own time in ensuring that all the bags were delivered.

The Secretary, Helen Cowling, applied for a Grant from Rusholme Wind Farm for the purchase of torches and high visibility jackets and the grant awarded was £1338.00. The items were purchased and authority has been granted for the purchase of airbeds, air-pillows, storage box, pump and padlock and keys, together with a further 6 high visibility gilets from the remaining amount.

The Team would also like to thank Airmyn Parish Council for paying for the hire of the George Dales Room for the Emergency Planning Team Meetings.

Mary Mason-Pitt  
Chair  
3 May 2017

## Report on the Activities of Airmyn Bowls Association 2016 Season

A fairly mixed season for both weather and success.

All three fund raising whistle stops were played but with reduced numbers of teams being attracted to the competition.

Teams in the Goole and District leagues were runners up in Division A and winners of Division B of the Pairs league and winners of Divisions B and Division E of the Friday Fours leagues.

In the Goole cup competitions club members won the Harry West Cup, the Clark Cup, the Temple Cup, the Kilgallon Cup and Brodrick Cup and runners up in two other competitions.

Teams were unsuccessful in the HSA league but were runners up in the Drayton Trophy, a Humberside Team competition.

Prior to the start of the season the club secured funding to purchase a new state of the art mower which has helped to make the bowling green faster. The kitchen area in the pavilion was replaced at the start of this year by Howden Joinery as part of their community programme.

Membership has remained constant but new members are always welcome especially from the village whose representation is poor.

Once again a tremendous amount of work has been done by our team of volunteers to keep the green, buildings and surrounding area in a first class condition and all deserve a big thank you.

The club still has ERCAS accreditation from the East Riding.

The new season is due to start on April 29 with our first whistle stop competition and leagues start on Monday 1 May.

## AIRMYN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP

### Annual Report to Airmyn Parish Council 2016/17

The Group meet four times a year in the Village Hall.

The membership of the group remained fairly stable throughout the year.

The Police Community Support Officer has attended three of the four meetings, and has provided the group with details of crimes committed within the Parish. In addition, I receive regular e-mails from the Neighbourhood Policing Team detailing crimes committed in the Police Sub Division. When anything of interest occurs in the villages adjacent to Airmyn, the details are sent to me and I then cascade them down to other members of the group.

During 2015 & 2016 A series of discussions took place regarding the installation of CCTV within the village, including a talk given by Mr Grove the Police and Crime Commissioner. At first it looked quite positive, however, Mr Grove lost this position, and things have not progressed very far since.

Whilst the membership of the group has been stable, we would also be pleased to welcome more members onto the Committee.

Finally I wish to thank the Parish Council for its continued support in financing the cost of the Hall for our four meetings per year.