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BRYMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2007-2008



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I would like to thank all fellow councillors for all their hard work and dedication to the residents to the residents of Brympton.

We sadly lost a valued member Clive during the year and his happy disposition and helpfulness is much missed (the naming of the path to Lawrence Way is under consultation with YTC and SSDC).

We have had another very busy year and a lot of time and energy was expended on the **Unitary Bid** scenario, hopefully now the county and district can settle down to working more co-operatively for the benefit of our residents.

Planning We have considered 89 planning applications this year, which ranged from conservatories to Key-Sites, employment sites and incubation centres. Our main concerns have been with the added burden to the highways on the western side of Yeovil, and although eventually the roundabouts will be enlarged, little will change until central government funding is levered in to dual all the roads from Thorne Lane to Bunford Hollow. It has been disappointing to note that while SSDC were "in special measures" our comments were "sacrificed" on the "altar" of meeting targets and the community have been left to live with some poor decisions.

We seem to have been "**consulted to death**" this year over everything, which has meant attending many more meetings, what actual difference this will make "on the ground" we will wait to see, as we have "been here before".

Larkhill Open Space project winds its` way through the system, we have been disappointed with the progress of employing the ranger/fund seeker post but again we will hope this proceeds successfully this year , the funding has been granted by SCC(£12K) for the new bridge and path and the Badger Steps have been removed but left in a compromising situation.

Grants We have made grants of a total of £2,000 – supporting St Margaret's Hospice, Citizens Advice Bureau, Age Concern, the local Guide and Scout troops amongst others.

Policing The team work we have established with our team of PCSOs and Beat Manager has been productive and beneficial to the residents on numerous occasions .

Boundary Review project we still raise at regular intervals to ensure this is not "kicked into the long grass".

Budget/Precept

We have set a budget for 2008-2009 of £43870, not including the payment to the Joint Burial Committee.

Meetings

Our agendas are always very full due to the activity of this council, so I have to thank all those bringing reports to council for the conciseness and brevity of the reports; it helps to keep the meetings shorter. We move between 2 venues in the parish and are considering a 3rd venue to cover the whole parish.

Consultation is an ethos with this council and has been for many years, we act on the feed back from residents, hence the decision not to proceed with the Alvington open space changes.

Mrs E Glaisher
Chairman

Financial Report

Summary of Financial Statement year end 31 March 2008

Income

Balances brought forward	£46884
Annual Precept	£43581
Other receipts	<u>£18870</u>
	£109335

Expenditure

Staffing costs	£15186
Other expenditure (including purchase of street furniture, grants, cemetery, repairs to play equipment, training, etc.	£27084
	<u>£42270</u>
Balances carried forward	£67065

Current & Long Term Plans to 31 March 2009

Public Open Spaces (inc. jointly funded Ranger Post	£21000
Improvements to village halls	£21000
Play equipment maintenance & replacement	£13750