

Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st March 2004

This year has been very exciting for Tattershall with Thorpe with numerous events and projects keeping the members of the Council on their toes. The committees have been working very hard keeping their own projects going, from keeping a close eye on planning applications to keeping the Market Place looking its best, together with the Closed Churchyard and arranging wonderful Christmas events jointly with the Holy Trinity Primary School.

The Parish Dinner is always a treat with different guest speakers annually. This year saw Mr. H. Barrack MBE keeping his audience captivated with humorous quips and stories throughout his speech. The dinner was superb as usual and enjoyed by everyone. It was also lovely to see guests from Coningsby enjoying the evening too.

CCTV is a long ongoing project, but this year has seen a development by way of securing a quotation from Alarm Lines to install CCTV in Tattershall market place. Now the funding section has started so hopefully this should be up and running very soon.

The HERS Scheme has proved to be very popular. This scheme was offered to Tattershall as it is situated in a Conservation Area. This is a wonderful scheme which is a conservation-led regeneration scheme offering grants within the conservation area and is targeted primarily at commercial buildings, often the re-instatement of original historical shop fronts and such like. It included under-used or vacant buildings where it was felt to be important to the appearance and character of the commercial core. It included some enhancement work if this helped to make the commercial area more attractive. This scheme has been extremely successful in the market towns of Horncastle, Alford, Spilsby and Wainfleet, and Tattershall is delighted to be included in this most recent scheme. We are beginning to see some of the benefits with Janet's Hairdressers almost completed and Something Fishy in the early stages.

The Best kept Village Competition was once again entered into by Tattershall and Tattershall Thorpe. Councillors' and members of the public made a concerted effort to make both villages more attractive with the bus shelter at Thorpe being planted out, and the Chapel and village signs beautifully attended but alas, neither village progressed to the next round on this occasion. Maybe with the help of the council and public who turn out regularly to help to keep the village tidy – a thankless task, time freely given, perhaps soon, their efforts will be recognised in the Best Kept Village Competition

Quality Status:

The Clerk of the Parish Council has achieved the accreditation which is needed in order for the Council to progress to attain the Quality Status which it deserves. This process

has now began, with more form filling and information gathering, so hopefully this will be realised very soon.

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Chairman's Report

Following the elections last year, Cllrs: Wayman, Norman and Pick joined us. We look forward to a long association with them, and hope that they enjoy working on the council. Our clerk is working on her portfolio for the accreditation process. This has not been as simple a process as was first intimated, so I would congratulate her for sticking to the task and spending a lot of her own time filling in all sorts of paperwork – not for the fainthearted. With an accredited clerk, the council will be able to apply for Quality status, enabling the village to have more say in its own affairs. Councillors have attended training courses run by Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils and the Community Council of Lincolnshire. Southern area committee meetings with ELDC were also attended. The flag has been raised in the Market Place on numerous occasions, with £100:10 being raised this year. This brings the total to date to £200:10. All the flag raising money is donated to charity – this year to SSAFA and Coningsby and Tattershall First Responders. A total of 41 planning applications have been considered. The combined parish was also successful in the bid for free trees from LCC.

Trees and hedging were planted at Clinton Park School to enhance the perimeter, and also at Thorpe Camp. The Manning Trophy was won by the Village Hall Committee, and the Best Kept Garden by Mr. & Mrs. Dodd. Mr. & Mrs. Holt won the small garden category.

The past year has seen work going on behind the scenes to produce a village map and guide, which are now ready for publication. The map will be placed in the Market Place, and will also feature on the new parish website, which has been worked on by our clerk and Cllr P Barrack. This will be of great benefit to the village, being a window for the wider world. A lot of time and effort has gone into these projects, and I would like to thank all those involved. We are also involved with the second phase of the HERS scheme. The first phase saw the improvements to the Market Place. Now individual buildings are being given grants towards restoration work. Janet's hairdressers and Something Fishy are the first in Tattershall to be offered grants in the scheme. Hopefully more will follow. The council has put some funding into the scheme for some improvements of a public nature, and are waiting to hear which areas will be funded. There are only 4 villages in East Lindsey involved with the HERS scheme so we are fortunate to be included.

Security has been increased by the appointment of CPSOs in East Lindsey, and we are lucky to have one of these support officers based mainly in our area. It has also been announced recently that there will now also be an MOD policeman based in the Hive on Clinton Park, who will share policing duties with the local constables.

Other events during the year have included walking the parish paths, joined this time by members of the public, who were most welcome. The lighting of the Christmas tree lights coincided with the Christmas fair in the Market Place run by Holy Trinity School – an enjoyable occasion for all. As chairman I have represented the parish at several events, which is an honor to fulfill. These range from a cocktail party to memorial services, with a trip to our twin village in between.

I would like to thank all those members of the council and public who turn out regularly to help to keep the village tidy – a thankless task, and also those who help put up the Christmas tree. Without their time freely given, the village would be a duller place. Perhaps soon, their efforts will be recognised in the Best Kept Village Competition.

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Finance: In this financial year the Council are pleased to advise that a grant of **£4999.50** was awarded to the Village Hall to assist with the extension which has now almost reached completion.

The summary of accounts for the year ending 2004 are listed below:

LOCAL COUNCILS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

ANNUAL RETURN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

SECTION 1 – THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

In completing the boxes below, please explain any significant variances on a separate sheet and send this to the external auditor together with a copy of your bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2003. See page 6 and the Practitioners' Guide for guidance.

	YEAR ENDING		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 st March 2003	31 st March 2004	
			Please round all figures to the nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to the councils underlying financial record for the relevant year.
1: Balance brought forward	28846	32321	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the councils' financial records.
2: (+) Annual Precept	10500	10500	Total Amount of precept income received in the year.
3: (+) Total other receipts	2110	2099	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the precept
4: (-) Staff Costs	3900	4200	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all council employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses.
5: (-) Loan Interest/ Capital repayments	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the councils borrowings (if any)
6: (-) Total other payments	5235	9900	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff cost (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5)
7: (=) Balances carried	32321	27820	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. (must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6))

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8: Total cost & Investments	32321	27820	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9: Total fixed assets and long term assets	18078	18078	The recorded current book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties
10: Total Borrowings	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB)

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Your Councillors: For further information or if you would like to contact a Councillor, details are listed below.

Councillor:	Contact Tel Number:
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Cllr. S. Coulber (Vice-Chairman)	01526 343919
Cllr. S. Avison (District Councillor)	01526 342846
Cllr. Mrs. B. Harvey OBE(County Councillor)	01526 342382
Cllr. H. Barrack MBE	01526 342717
Cllr. P. Barrack	01526 342822
Cllr. I. Moses	01526 342206
Cllr. Mrs. C. Norman	01526 343386
Cllr. N. Leggate	01526 342275
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Cllr. K. Newholm	01526 342887
Cllr. Mrs. M. Moss	01526 343103
Cllr. J. Porter MBE	01526 342230
Cllr. Mrs. B. Wayman	01526 345501
Cllr. R. Pick	01526 343298

Finally: Parish Council meetings are held monthly (except August and January) at the Holy Trinity Primary School, starting at 7.15pm on the first Tuesday of each month. It would be more interesting if members of the public would attend. This way the Council members would know they are working for the parish and its residents and would be able to make Tattershall with Thorpe an up and coming community for all to enjoy. So if you have anything you wish to be discussed by the council, please submit details to the Clerk at: New Bunglow, North Road, Tattershall Thorpe Lincoln LN4 4PQ.

We all look forward to seeing you there!!

