**GATEFORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**

**Councillors and Staff**

1. Councillors during 2017-18 were:

Cllr Diane Osborne (Chair)

Cllr Caroline Shaw (Vice Chair)

Cllr Jim Cawthorne

Cllr Lynn Sheratt

Cllr Richard Longbottom

Cllr Tony Parkin

Cllr Martin Hillary

1. Parish Clerk, Helen Guest left the Council in August 2017, being replaced by Jeremy Sherlock.

**Activities in 2017-18**

1. The protection of the Village Green continued to be a major priority for the Council. Legal advice was sought as to its status, a survey commissioned and completed so that an accurate boundary plan is available, and action agreed with regard to unauthorised parking. A tree safety survey was undertaken.
2. The Council has responsibility for the maintenance of the Green, including grass cutting. It has responsibility for the bus shelter, seats, and phone box.
3. New planters were installed on the Green.
4. A Defibrillator was acquired and has been installed in the Bus Shelter.
5. The Council were consulted by Selby DC on a proposal to amend the Parish Boundary with an area to the north of the by-pass to be added to Thorpe Willoughby PC. The Council did not raise any objections to this proposal.
6. The Council continued to monitor local planning issues including local planning applications, and a Selby DC sites consultation.
7. Speeding through the village was reported after an accident in the village, and it was monitored by Speed Watch via North Yorkshire County Council. No action, however, was deemed necessary.

**Priorities for 2018-19**

1. The protection of the Village Green will be an ongoing priority.
2. Some works will be undertaken to trees on the Green in line with recommendations in the tree survey.
3. The seats and phone box will be upgraded, and additional planters installed.
4. The Council has budgeted support for a summer village event.
5. Consideration of a long term plan for use of reserves.

**Finance**

1. The Councils income for 2017-18 was £7,753, and expenditure £9,136 (£7,969 revenue, £1,167 capital).
2. The Council holds the following reserves:

Revenue reserve - £1,400

Unallocated revenue - £11,430

Capital reserve – £29,390

1. Expenditure for 2017-18 was as follows:

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| Staffing | £1,548 |
| Maintenance | £2,873 |
| Administration | £1,076 |
| Projects | £1,577 |
| Capital | £1,167 |

1. The budget for 2018-19 is:

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| **General Funds** |   | **Budget Head** |  |
| Carry forward | £15,500 | Revenue Reserve | £1,400 |
| Precept | £5,366 | Staffing | £1,830 |
| Wayleave | £44 | Maintenance | £3,000 |
| VAT recovery | £500 | Administration | £1,000 |
| Interest | £250 | Projects | £1,000 |
|   |   | Events | £2,000 |
|   | **£21,660** | Unallocated Reserve | £11,430 |
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**Diane Osborne – Chair, Gateforth Parish Council**