**GATEFORTH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19**

**Councillors and Staff**

1. Councillors during 2018-19 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. The Parish Clerk is Jeremy Sherlock.

**Activities in 2018-19**

1. The protection of the Village Green remains a priority for the Council. The Council has worked with a local resident to assist with resolving a parking issue, as long-term parking on the Green is illegal. The Council has been working on this issue for some years. The age and location of the property had created difficulties. The Council had a long term commitment to extend an access track which has been carried out using “grasscrete” which will not be visible once grass grows. In parallel the owner has created an rea of parking within their private curtilage.
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. During the year 2 seats were replaced, and some tree maintenance work undertaken.
3. There has been community involvement in 2 local activities - Litter Picks in the village, and defibrillator training. Thanks are given to local villagers who participated.
4. The Council has sought to keep the community informed of local activities. It has issued 2 Newsletters and maintains a website. The Council received a good response from villagers from the Newsletters. A “Welcome to Gateforth” information leaflet has been prepared and is available for download on the website.
5. The Council continued to monitor local planning issues. 2 major applications were considered – the Residential Park Home site on the former Mushroom Farm (supported, and approved by Selby DC), and the biomass proposal at Vyner

**Priorities for 2018-19**

1. The protection of the Village Green will be an ongoing priority.
2. The phone box will be upgraded, and the planters will be improved.
3. A Village Map will be installed in the bus shelter.
4. Continued consideration of the use of the capital reserve.

**Finance**

1. The Councils income for 2018-19 was £6,280, and expenditure £8,828 (£6,017 revenue, £2,811 capital).
2. The Council holds the following reserves:

Revenue reserve - £1,483

Capital reserve – £39,475

1. Expenditure for 2018-19 was as follows:

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| Staffing | £2,031 |
| Maintenance | £2,575 |
| Administration | £891 |
| Projects | £3,331 |
| **Total** | **£8,828** |

1. The budget for 2019-20 is:

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| **Income** |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| Precept | £5,500 | Staffing | £2,142 |
| Wayleave | £44 | Maintenance | £2,650 |
| VAT recovery | £600 | Administration | £1,100 |
| Interest | £300 | Projects | £1,000 |
|  |  | Events | £1,000 |
|  | **£6,444** |  |  |
|  |  |  | **£7,892** |

**Diane Osborne – Chair, Gateforth Parish Council**