

HINDERWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Hinderwell Parish Council consists of two wards. The Staithes Ward covers the villages of Staithes and part of Dalehouse, and the Hinderwell Ward covers Hinderwell, Port Mulgrave and Runswick Bay. Each ward is allowed 6 Councillors. Hinderwell Cemetery is managed by Hinderwell PC.

Over the past 12 months we have:

Parish Maintenance

Arranged for NYCC to repair street lights, potholes and instigate road maintenance. The roadway lighting scheme for Hinderwell has finally been completed.

Arranged for Scarborough BC to remove fly tipping

Liaised with Scarborough BC's Dog Warden to reduce dog fouling and collect stray dogs.

Worked with the National Parks to maintain and improve the public footpaths

Worked with Yorkshire Water towards a permanent solution to the sewage problems in Hinderwell, the scheme just South of Staithes has been completed, but the second scheme for a storage tank on land North of Hinderwell has been delayed for 2 years due to Y Water's funding issues.

Taken on responsibility from NYCC for the cutting of roadside verges within the 30mph limits

Maintained and inspected the Hinderwell and Staithes Play Areas

Continued with the "Village Caretaker" scheme run by NYMNPA. Our Caretaker looks after the villages of Hinderwell, Port Mulgrave and Runswick Bank Top. We have received a lot of positive feedback.

Daffodils x 4,000 were planted at the entrances to the villages and have been much admired.

Celebrated the Centenary of the end of the WW1 with a beautiful "Information Lectern" in Hinderwell Cemetery and supported the installation of a "Soldier Seat" next to Hinderwell's bus shelter, together with the planting of a memorial tree at Dalehouse/Staithes.

Re-instated the bus stop on Hinderwell Lane, Runswick Bay.

Re-located the bus stop outside St Hilda's Old School, Hinderwell to alleviate parking and visibility problems

Road Safety

Worked with the Police to reduce vehicle speeds and continued with a four year contract with NYCC to lease two "Vehicle Activated Signs" to monitor the speed of traffic in Hinderwell and Staithes at a cost of £1100 per year.

Liaised with SBC over illegal and inconsiderate parking especially in Staithes

Legal Matters and Meetings

Liaise with SBC and the National Trust re cliff safety.

Commented to NYMNPA on 42 planning applications

The Parish Council website displays information relating to Council business.

Councillors/Clerk have attended meetings with NYMNPA and SBC

Financial

Income from Scarborough BC in the form of Precept and Model Agreement spent on:-

Salaries of Clerk, Asst Clerk, Village Caretaker and Cemetery Caretaker

Running and upkeep of Parish Office.

Replaced 5 of the 55 Parish Seats with new re-cycled plastic seats. Secured sponsorship for 4 of these seats.

Arranged for Interim Scrutiny Audits, Internal Audit and provided documents for External Auditor

Section 137 Grants to Staithes Initiative, Interactive Whitby and St Hilda's Playgroup and Whitby Wildlife.

Cemetery

Organised the programme of grass cutting and maintenance of the 4 acre site of Hinderwell Cemetery.

Attended all 13 burials held in the Cemetery

Maintained and improved Cemetery records and allowing access to interested members of the public

Office Accommodation

We left our office at 37 High Street, and purchased a new office which is smaller and easier to maintain. Council meetings are now held in St Hilda's Old School and the Clerk is available to meet the public on Monday mornings or by appointment. The move has saved in the region of £1,000 per annum.

The six Parish Notice Boards give details of how to contact the Parish Council and display Parish Council business etc.