

## Chairman's Report - May 2011

The Council Year 2010/11 has been significant in many respects. Although the Parish Council or its Chairman cannot necessarily take credit for the milestones this year, we, as a Parish Council have supported and assisted each and every one of these achievements.

Our Annual Meeting last year was held in Worlaby School whilst we were awaiting the completion of the new Village Hall. The Hall has since been completed, and it will remain an asset to the village for many years. We must not underestimate the tireless works of the Recreation Committee, and of Mrs Tricia Hildyard and Mr Derek Andrews as former members of the Recreation Committee, and I would wish to acknowledge their very significant contribution in assisting in the delivery of this building.

The Village website went 'live' this year and although we had some doubtful hits early on from far-flung countries, the site is becoming an essential port of call for visitors and villagers alike and the Council can take credit in its creation.

Finally, after a number of close calls and near misses, the Green Team achieved a First in the Best Kept Village Competition this year and our thanks must go to Cllr Anne Hindle for her organisation and drive in the significant improvements and planting that have been achieved around the village.

In terms of Council business this year, the most significant issue around the village which attracted record attendance at our meetings have surely been the wind farm and wind turbine applications at Saxby and in our own parish. Although we sometimes say to ourselves that we are acting in isolation without any apparent interest from the village, the Public and Parish meetings which I chaired where an indication that we do have a community in the village and that residents did indeed look to this Council for both assistance but also to correctly represent and reflect their views. The feedback I received after the meetings and this Council's consultation decision assured me that we conducted ourselves correctly and that we eventually came to the correct view on these proposals. Clearly these sagas are not over yet and the Council will continue to be important in informing the village on progress and any next steps.

We should also not forget that our Budget for the last year was achieved without any rise on the previous year and the end of year figures came in with a little to spare.

I would like to thank the Clerk to the Council, Deb Hotson, for her support both to the Council but also to me in my year as Chair. The daunting task has been made easier by her advice and assistance and I am grateful for that help.

Our previous Ward Councillors had a near 100% attendance record to our meetings and I thank them for their interest and support over the past year in having to juggle their priorities and attendances.

Finally, I have been grateful to the Council for the opportunity to act as chair in what has been a very eventful year and, if I may, I would like to be considered to by your chairman for a further year.

Paul Edwards  
Chairman of Worlaby Parish Council  
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