



NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Annual Report 2015/16

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Mayor of Normanton's Overview

Councillor Denton Jones

My Mayoral year is now at an end and what a great year it has been. I was honoured to be elected as Mayor for the fifth time, and I have endeavoured to do justice to the position throughout the years.

I know that my role as Mayor is to promote both Normanton and Altofts by attending Mayoral engagements throughout Yorkshire together with, on many occasions, my daughter Angela as Mayoress.

It has been a very busy year having attended 120 engagements, the highlights throughout the year were many and rewarding, these included visits to residential homes where I was made very welcome.

I was invited to Mrs Hampshire's 100th birthday dinner and Mrs Taffinder's 101st birthday, unfortunately I also attended their funerals in April.

There was the Party @ Haw Hill Park which was attended by around 4000 people. Our Gala weekend as always was a great success, with people lining the route from Altofts to Haw Hill Park, with Mayor's from other Yorkshire Towns couldn't help being impressed by the event.

1st August is one of the largest events in the county, Yorkshire day. When Civic Heads donned their Mayoral robes and chains and paraded through Doncaster to celebrate what Yorkshire means to many people, a gathering of Mayors from Yorkshire taking part.

I attended a Remembrance Service at Wakefield Cathedral, Nostell Priory in Normanton and Altofts, all being well supported. The run up to Christmas was one of my busiest periods, when I visited school children, doing their Nativity plays in front of family and friends. At one school, All Saints Infants, this was done in Spanish, which was unusual. At our Annual Schools Concert, children sang carols to a packed audience and at the Switch on of the Christmas lights they were able to see Santa in the Grotto.

We had a Halloween day, attended by around 300 people, a frightening sight.

Easter was a very special time when during this period, I delivered 300 Easter eggs to school children, who took part in the Easter egg colouring competition. I was helped by Councillor Pam Mayne who acted as my Mayoress on several of these visits.

I think the highlight of the year had to be the lighting of the beacon for the Queen's 90th birthday, held at All Saints Parish Church and attended by 140 invited guests.

All in all it has been a memorable year, mainly due to all the support from you, the people of Normanton and Altofts, who support all the attractions and events that Normanton Town Council provides for them.

The success of my year would not have been possible without the help of Donna and her staff and my fellow Councillors. I wish my successor, Councillor David Appleyard, all the best for his year in office.

The Work of the Town Council

Mrs Donna Johnston MILCM, Town Clerk & RFO

During the last twelve months the Town Council has continued to provide a high standard of events for the people of Normanton and Altofts. All of these events are provided free of charge and give families an opportunity to enjoy activities in their own area.

This year we have further developed our events to ensure that they continue to be relevant and attract a family audience.

Events in the last year include: Family Fun Day; Commonwealth Day; Party @ Haw Hill Park; Normanton Gala and Gala Sunday; Including free funfair for children with special needs, bowls competition, Talk and Slide Show, History Walk and the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Horticultural Show; Halloween in Normanton; Christmas Lights Switch On; Children's Christmas Party; Schools Carol Service; Christmas Celebration with Normanton Lions and Churches Together.

In addition to these events, we also held a number of Civic events including: Armed Forces Day; Civic Sunday; Remembrance Sunday.

My personal highlight of the year was the beautiful event that was arranged to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday on 21st April. We worked closely with All Saints Parish Church to create an event that her Majesty would have been proud of.

We have continued to work closely with local Schools, and provide them with an opportunity to learn about the Town Council by offering visits to the Town Council Offices. The Schools visits in 2015 were supplemented with a Power Point presentation which highlighted the history of the Town Council as well as the services that are provided. Our Committees have continued to work hard throughout the year in line with their Terms of Reference.

The Consultative Group in particular have met to consider a wide range of issues affecting the local area including:

- Wakefield District Housing;
- Wakefield Library Service;
- Citizens Advice Bureau;
- Safer Scheme from Trading Standards.

We have continued to work with Wakefield MDC to promote Normanton Market to make it an attractive place to shop and have organised a number of Second Hand Markets which have been very successful and which will continue for the foreseeable future.

We have continued to provide assistance to residents when they face issues and they don't know where to turn for advice. This has included acting as liaison with other agencies to ensure that residents' concerns are highlighted. This year we have offered support to residents of Newlaithes Crescent who had suffered problems with flooding and have hopefully had the issues addressed by the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water.

The Town Council became referrers for the Food Bank at the beginning of 2015 and have assisted 60 people in crisis from the Normanton area.

The Woodhouse Community Centre has grown in success in recent months and now has a packed schedule. One of the most pleasing bookings being our own Luncheon Club, the Meet 'n' Eats Diner which we have worked on in partnership with The Well Project. The service attracts over 60 people per week and is completely free.

The Mayor has worked throughout the year to raise the profile of Normanton throughout the District and beyond. My best wishes to Councillor Denton Jones as he tries to have some well-earned rest and to Councillor David Appleyard who will take over as Mayor and Steven Hudson who will be Deputy Mayor, both for the first time in 2016/17.

Normanton Town Council YEAR END 31.03.16

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2016

31st March 2015

31st March 2016

31st March 2015		31st March 2016
	Operating Income	
201,625	Administration	208,193
0	Town Hall	0
0	Grants & Donations	3,086
2,900	Woodhouse Community Centre	3,587
0	Services	1,665
6,465	Special Projects	6,851
71	Allotments - General	0
460	Allotments - Cypress Road	425
200	Allotments - Edward Street	200
1,720	Allotments - Ellins Terrace	1,825
45	Allotments - Gilcar Street	30
1,170	Allotments - Gladstone Street	1,110
945	Allotments - Heys Buildings	815
670	Allotments - Newland Lane	680
565	Allotments - Norwood Street	440
15	Allotments - The Grove	25
1,325	Allotments - Wentworth Terrace	1,562
<u>218,175</u>	Total Income	<u>230,494</u>
	Running Costs	
0	Administration	97,062
107,588	Town Hall	16,276
20,775	Civic	5,060
9,719	Grants & Donations	8,428
7,727	Advertising & Promotions	9,107
5,391	Woodhouse Community Centre	7,729
7,484	Services	2,230
0	Special Projects	54,684
46,447	Allotments - General	314
834	Allotments - Cypress Road	323
292	Allotments - Ellins Terrace	2,428
1,012	Allotments - Gilcar Street	0
0	Allotments - Gladstone Street	393
1,559	Allotments - Heys Buildings	309
87	Allotments - Newland Lane	210
481	Allotments - Norwood Street	251
353	Allotments - The Grove	0
1,549	Allotments - Wentworth Terrace	4,883
2,869		
<u>214,168</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>209,686</u>
	General Fund Analysis	
158,405	Opening Balance	162,412
218,175	Plus : Income for Year	230,494
<u>376,580</u>		<u>392,905</u>
214,168	Less : Expenditure for Year	209,686
<u>162,412</u>		<u>183,219</u>
0	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	0
<u>162,412</u>	Closing Balance	<u>183,219</u>

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Budget 2016/17

	£ p
Expenditure	
1) Cemeteries & Crematoriums	0
2) Sport & Recreation	0
3) Parks & Open Spaces	0
4) Allotments	12,605
5) Community Centres & Village Halls	8,570
6) Libraries	0
7) Markets	0
8) Administration	27,620
9) Salaries & Wages	86,200
10) Contribution to Reserves	
11) Other (Please State)	
Accommodation	16,300
Events and Floral Displays	63,550
Grants and Donations	9,000
Advertising & Promotions	9,500
Elections & Civic Expenses	11,120
Services	1,500
Total Expenditure	245,965
Income	
1) Fees and Charges	17,750
2) Contribution from Reserves	13,215
3) Other (Please State)	
Total Income	30,965
TOTAL PRECEPT (Expenditure - Income)	215,000



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