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#### **Chairman's Review**

This year has in many ways been a difficult one for Wincanton. The fight against large scale speculative development continues, with the Dancing Lane and Verrington proposals still not finally defeated. It has been good to see so many residents involving themselves in the campaign to protect our Town and it is to be hoped that this will continue. That said, whilst there is no doubt that there are arguments in favour of further residential and commercial development in Wincanton, further residential development needs to be curtailed until a supporting infrastructure, (schools, healthcare provision etc) is in place.

The work on the Neighbourhood Plan continues, as does the Cale Park project. I would like to thank the CATCH team for all their help and support with the tree planting and seeding the Memorial Meadow. The Cale Park project group are preparing to apply for large scale funding and are looking for letters of support from local groups and residents. If you would like to show your support, please write to the Town Clerk or pop into the office to look at the plans. The multi-use games area was opened late last year and has proved very popular, even with the Fire Brigade who use it for training.

A new nursery is to open at Churchfields in July, which will help ease the shortage of places in Wincanton. In addition, a new pre-school is planned on land at Home Drive to free up space at the primary school. At the other end of the scale, plans have recently been submitted for a new care home next to the health centre, which is expected to provide up to 80 new jobs.

Our grounds men continue to do a sterling job of looking after our open spaces, cemetery and toilets, sometimes under difficult circumstances. Left behind dog mess is increasing at the Recreation ground and the David Sharp centre has been vandalised. Council are working with the Police to combat the problem and would encourage residents to report any incidents of vandalism or anti-social behaviour immediately.

Council has recently voted to look at obtaining village green status for Wrixon View. If any residents have ideas as to how this land might otherwise be utilised, please let us know.

This Council has always tried to provide the best services whilst keeping expenditure at realistic levels. The precept was £180,250 for 2014/2015. The abridged accounts for the year are shown below:

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015**

**Wincanton Town Council Accounts**

End of year

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2014 Precept</b>	<b>Year End</b>
Salary Costs (inc NI & Pension)	£ 87,000.00	£ 86,375.91
Wincanton Sports Ground	£ 12,000.00	£ 12,000.00
Cemetery Costs	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,967.55
Licensing	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,977.41
Grounds Maintenance	£ 16,000.00	£ 16,514.69
Property Maintenance	£ 2,000.00	£ -
Town Hall & Community Office	£ 5,000.00	£ 6,375.08
Administration	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,597.29
Insurance	£ 3,800.00	£ 3,793.27
Grants	£ 2,750.00	£ 71,904.48
New Equipment	£ 1,000.00	£ 7,044.54
Tourism	£ 500.00	£ 3,959.59
Xmas & Street Lights	£ 750.00	£ 1,642.49
Toilets	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,575.38
David Sharp Centre	£ 5,000.00	£ 7,432.93
Allotments	£ 1,000.00	£ 712.00
Recreation Ground	£ 15,000.00	£ 500.00
CCTV	£ 100.00	£ -
Land/Car Parking Provision	£ 24,300.00	£ 23,455.00
Youth Work Provision	£ 7,000.00	£ 8,000.00
Councillor Training	£ 500.00	£ -
Cemetery Gates Repair	£ 5,000.00	£ 4,456.45
Transport Plan improvements	£ 5,000.00	£ -
Tree Policy Maintenance	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,295.00
Mayors Allowance	£ 2,250.00	£ 848.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 206,950.00</b>	<b>£ 267,427.75</b>

<b>Vat</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>44,149.14</b>
<b>Fixed Bond</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>311,576.89</b>

## Income

Precept	£ 180,250.00	£ 180,250.00
Burial Fees	£ 3,000.00	£ 6,039.30
Licensing	£ 5,000.00	£ 10,167.50
SSDC	£ 500.00	£ 1,432.40
Rents	£ 600.00	£ 662.50
Allotments	£ 600.00	£ 453.75
Interest	£ 1,000.00	£ 458.27
Tourism Sales	£ 1,000.00	£ 3,449.00
David Sharp Centre	£ 5,000.00	£ 6,272.00
VAT Reclaimed	£ -	£ 44,270.93
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ 308.56
Town Team	£ -	£ 2,729.35
MUGA	£ -	£ 46,601.10
Neighbourhood Plan	£ -	£ 3,409.00
<b>Total</b>	£ 196,950.00	£ 306,503.66

Fixed Bond Receipt	£ 50,000.00
Total	£ 356,503.66

<b>Funds available 31/3/2015</b>	£11,325.66
Reserves Business Account	£70,000.00
Wincanton Projects Account	£12,101.42
Business Reserve	£16,085.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>£109,512.44</b>

<b>Funds held for projects</b>	
Peoples Plan	£1,679.00
Youth Work	£4,911.48
MUGA	£3,550.79
Town Team	£498.33
Cale Park Renovation	£11,870.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,510.10</b>

<b>Total Funds minus monies held</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£87,002.34</b>

### Grants Given and Received in 2014/2015

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Grant Received</b>	<b>Grant Given</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau		£500
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Wincanton CAT Transport		£1,000
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	King Arthurs School		£50
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Live at Home Scheme		£500
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Wincanton Museum		£300
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Tree Planting day		£29.96
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Wincanton Gardeners		£128.03
Various	Town Team	£2,729.35	£5,827.50
Various	Multi Use Games Area	£49,951.80	£49,150.64
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2014	Lanhau Twinning		£300
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2014	Skate Park Repairs		£4,513.35
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	Play Day at the Recreation Ground		£515
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	Wincanton Tennis Club		£100
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	Wincanton Football Club		£100
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Wincanton Gardening Club		£151.50
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	British Legion		£21.00
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	Wincanton Businesses Together	£100	£100
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2014	Play Equipment Restoration		£5,217.50
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Neighbourhood Plan	£3,409	£3,400
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Commonwealth War Graves	£30	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£56,220.15</b>	<b>£71,904.48</b>

Grants were received for both the Town Team and the Multi Use Games Area in the 2013/2014 accounting period.