

# **West Halton & Coleby Parish Council Annual Report**

## **Chairman's report 2024/25**

### **Councillors and Clerk**

This year there have been a number of changes to the councillors. John Clough and Marina Spellman have resigned

As a result of these changes, there are currently 2 vacancies on the council that have been advertised.

All of the councillors continue to make a full and active contribution to the council and I would like to thank all of them for their continued service.

### **Finance**

The council has increased the precept for the current year to reflect the increased costs that everyone is experiencing and to allow us to carry out more work around the villages

The main expenses are currently projects, insurance and maintenance of village assets.

The council took on the maintenance of the public rights of way during 2020/21 and received an additional grant from North Lincolnshire Council to cover this cost. This arrangement is continuing this financial year and thanks to Cllr Williams and the Clerk for increasing the funding available from North Lincs for this work.

A number of projects were started/completed in 2024/25 and these are continuing into the current financial year. The main current project is the provision of water supply to the allotments at Coleby.

### **Planning**

No applications have been received this year

### **Highways**

Highways continue to be a major part of the council's work, with a number of issues being raised at each meeting. The council has a speed camera for use in a number of locations around the villages to address concerns from a number of residents regarding speeding along Coleby Road/ Whitton Road and through Coleby itself. This unit has proved effective and has also provided data on speeding within the villages.

### **Village Green**

The condition of the wall around the green remains a cause for concern. The section of wall along Short Land and the North party of Church Side have been repaired, with further works planned for later in the current financial year subject to grant funding.

Adrian Stephenson mowed the grass in the village green and in the cemetery last year but is unable to continue into the current Financial Year and therefore a new contractor has been appointed.

### **Cemetery**

The council is actively reviewing and updating the rules and charges for the cemetery. We are also in the process of regularising the land registry entry for the area and for the allotments.

### **General**

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the council for their support. Thank also to Ralph, Helen and Elaine who have been re-elected to serve as Ward Councillors for Winterton and Burton and who have supported the parish council on a number of matters over the last year.