

1. Chairman's Annual Report 2019

Writing the Chairman's annual report gives me the opportunity to reflect on what has been another busy year for Brinsworth Parish Council. It is an opportunity to think about the events and activities that have provided so much satisfaction and sometimes the occasional sleepless night.

So, what has the Parish Council achieved during 2018/19?

The most obvious thing to mention is the completion of the long-awaited new community building 'The Centre'. I have been involved in the project from the very beginning and I am absolutely thrilled with the end result, a modern purpose-built space that can be used by the whole community. The building work was completed in September and we officially opened the doors in November in conjunction with our 'Weekend to Remember' celebrations, which I will touch on later.

The Centre is proving very popular with residents and although the building is still owned by the Parish Council the day to day management of it has been handed over to Brinsworth Community Trust of which I am also a member.

What else have we achieved?

I was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council; Dave Barry as Vice Chairman and our very own Alan Buckley became the Mayor of Rotherham.

The Pavilion roof had to be replaced as strong winds and heavy rain identified several leaks in the existing roof.

The hanging baskets along Brinsworth Lane once again added a splash of colour to the village, our thanks go to Paul France and his students at Brinsworth Academy for putting together such lovely arrangements.

Brinsworth annual Village Fete was held on a very hot Sunday in July, where sadly the scruffs dog show had to be cancelled for the safety of the animals. We had a new car show which was hosted by Sheffield Dubs and Revolution Rides who brought along some fantastic cars for all to see. We had rides for the children, new food outlets and we saw some amazing sums raised by the charity stalls. Planning for this year's Village Fete is well underway and it promises to be bigger and better than before thanks to the efforts of the events working party team.

The shops on Brinsworth Lane saw some improvement works carried out by RMBC with the muddy embankment outside the post office being replaced with a retaining wall, railings and steps which make the area look much better. A seating area and new litter bins were also provided. Our thanks go to the Ward Councillors who were the driving force behind the project.

The community of Brinsworth came together early in November to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War 1.

Friday 9th November 2018 saw the official opening of the Centre, where the Mayor and Mayoress of Rotherham unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion. The Centre displayed artwork from local schools and clubs and Brinsworth and Catcliffe History Group put on a great display for residents to look at and reminisce. The evening of the 9th saw Colin Yates Big Band entertain those who attended.

Saturday 10th November was the incredibly well attended, military themed, firework display. And what a display it was, we had beacons, search lights, air raid sirens and 21 minutes of non-stop fireworks lighting up the skies of Brinsworth to some amazing wartime tunes, the breath taking last post marked the end of the display followed by a cascade of poppy like fireworks falling from the sky. It was a truly amazing display which will be very difficult to top. Our thanks go to Reaction Fireworks and Limelight Presentation Systems for putting together such an amazing display.

Sunday 11th November again saw the residents of Brinsworth flock to The Centre to join in the Church service to commemorate the fallen. Just before 11.00am the congregation paraded to the War Memorial in St George's Churchyard to hear a service that included poetry written by Cllr Dick Dyson and the names read out of local soldiers who had gave their lives in both world wars. Talented local teenager, Lucy Heeley, played us the Last Post and Reveille which was extremely moving. Refreshments were served in The Centre afterwards by The Centre's bar and café staff and by Friends of St Georges Churchyard volunteers and the Rivers Team choir kept us all entertained with wartime songs. In the afternoon a football match was arranged to replicate the game between allied soldiers and German troops between Rotherham's Man V Fat team and a side from Rotherham United Community Sports Trust.

It was a very busy weekend for Brinsworth Parish Council staff, The Centre staff, Councillors and the Trustees and I hope that the residents of Brinsworth enjoyed it as much as we did.

The Civic Service was another well attended event on the 8th December 2018 which was also held in The Centre. After the service the Rivers Team choir lead the Carol singing, The Centre opened its bar and teas, coffees and cakes were served by the volunteers from Friends of St George's Churchyard.

Christmas welcomed some illuminations in the village provided by Ward Councillors. This year we are working alongside them to make the Christmas display bigger and better.

Over the last few months the Parish Council have continued to support The Centre and its Board of Trustees whilst they get established. We have pulled together a long list of projects that we want to see happen in the coming months and years.

More importantly we have been working tirelessly with RMBC to get the new Library that the residents of Brinsworth deserve. As I write this report, we are awaiting confirmation from RMBC that the funding is all in place and that work can commence.

In this report I have picked out the highlights of the year and have not covered the daily issues that the Parish Council deal with such as litter, dog fouling, anti-social behaviour, planning issues and the day to day management of the community's parks and buildings as it would be impossible to cover it all.

The Parish Council is responsible for an increasing range of facilities and although the decisions are made by the Councillors the day to day implementation of these is left to the employees. I feel it is appropriate therefore to thank them all, our Kidzone staff, Caretaker, Litter picker, Amenity Attendants, Assistant Clerk, and the Clerk for their commitment and all the work that they undertake in order to ensure that the Council as a body is effective and achieves the objectives set.

The Chairman's role is merely as the figurehead of the Council and I must thank my fellow Councillors for all their support during the year. The meetings have not been without their difficulties but the banter and the interaction between colleagues has made them both business-like and enjoyable. I appreciate the time and effort that Councillors have willingly given in the interests of bringing about improvements for the community and I am confident that the Parish Council can continue to make progress in the future.

Finally, thank you to the Brinsworth residents for your support and please remember our doors are always open if you have any problems in or around our Parish.

Sincerely

Jeff Williams
Chairman of Brinsworth Parish Council

2. Statement of Income & Expenditure 2018/19

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Football Pitch Hire	1,890	Community Hall / Pavilion	129,330
Bowling Green Fees	3,134	<u>Events:</u>	
Community Hall / Pavilion Hire Fees	117,962	Brinsworth Fete	1,818
Events	1,388	Fireworks Display	9,757
Sundry Income	1,385	Civic Service	279
Precept	299,510	Remembrance Service	2,511
Awards for All - School Holiday Activities Grant	7,050	<u>Parks & Open Spaces:</u>	
Big Lottery Grant for The Centre	287,000	Bowling Green	2,189
Brinsworth Library Funding	21,483	Waste Collection	4,985
Use of Parish Council Reserves	455,111	Grounds Maintenance	18,686
		Vehicle Running Costs	2,729
		Salaries (Includes Centre staff)	191,504
		<u>Administration:</u>	
		Insurance	5,152
		Newsletter	7,679
		General Administration	16,849
		Donations	1,355.00
		<u>Projects:</u>	
		Hanging Baskets	1,625
		Brinsworth Library	11,059
		School Holiday Activities	7,050
		Loan Repayment	18,023
		The new Centre Building costs	763,332
TOTAL	1,195,913	TOTAL	1,195,913

3. Payments made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Financial Year ended 31st March 2019

Rotherham Holiday Aid – Donation 22 nd April 2018	£200
The Rivers Team – Donation 22 nd April 2018	£200
The Rivers Team – Donation 24 th May 2018	£355
The Rivers Team – Donation 26 th November 2018	£500
Funtime Community Preschool – Donation 31 st March 2019	£100

Total	£1,355
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