



PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2007 - 2008

Ten candidates contested the Parish Council election in April 2007 for nine places which was the first election for 15 years.

The following were elected, including four new Councillors:

- Richard Taylor - **Chairman**
- Kelvin Speirs - **Vice Chairman**
- Sue Akers
- Shirley Angel
- Clare Eastwood
- Carole Nicholson
- Terry Thompsett
- Brenda Watson
- Katie Wride

Liz Cullen - **Clerk to the Council**

PROGRESS OVER THE LAST YEAR

- Successfully arranged with East Sussex County Council Highways to have the drain covers lowered in areas on Station Road to improve mobility access, free of charge to the Parish Council, having been quoted £83,000 to do the work by British Telecom.
- Listened to parishioners concerns relating to dog fouling and supplied extra dog bins throughout the village.
- Responded to Lewes District Council Planning to ensure suitable amendments made to roof design for flats at the Old Plumpton Green Garage site.
- Invested in a new fence at the skate park.
- Highlighted concerns to local government about increase of traffic and the need for speed calming measures at the Half Moon junction, where a scheme of works will take place in the future.
- Signage improved at the White Bridge on Plumpton Lane.
- Pavements at the end of Wells Close refurbished.
- Made representation to the Post Office to request that the Post Office be kept open.
- Made representation to Primary Care Trusts in support of keeping departments under threat of closure at the Princess Royal open.
- Made concerted efforts to try to alleviate ongoing parking problems in Station Road, by requesting help from the Police, PCSO and appeals through the Parish Magazine to ask parishioners to park considerately.
- Donations made to local clubs and societies, including the Village Action Plan, and 'Plumpton goes Green' bags.
- Produced 'Councillor' profiles which were placed on all PC notice boards and website.
- More information about the Council put on the website.
- Adoption of tree survey undertaken by Plumpton Habitat Survey Group.
- Following representations by the PC to Rights of Way, long standing repairs have been made to footbridges and stiles.

THE FUTURE

Whilst change is inevitable, your Parish Council intends to continue to serve and steer the Parish of Plumpton to the best of their abilities through these changing times

A number of Councillors have, and continue, to represent the PC at additional meetings of other groups, putting forward important issues such as traffic calming measures in rural villages, countryside management and local planning. They intend to put this knowledge to good use in the coming year.

The Parish Council will continue to work for the community and will liaise with the Village Action Plan on issues and concerns raised in the questionnaire.

The Council welcomes feedback and is happy to hear any concerns you may have, so please contact Councillors or the Clerk, whose contact details are on the website or on PC boards, or attend monthly meetings to air your views.

Liz Cullen, Clerk to the Council, July 2008