

# CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2



In this second newsletter, which follows the *Annual General Meeting* and *Annual Assembly*, there is the opportunity to look back over the past year and review the work of the council and the progress that has been made. The out-going Mayor's Annual Address is included and is followed by the new Mayor's introduction to his period of office.

## **M BAILEY MAYOR OF CROWLE 2008/2009 – ANNUAL REPORT**

2008 saw many changes within the town as the first stages of regeneration took place with the installation and operation of the first CCTV camera with a second CCTV camera being installed soon. We are however suffering from some localised technical problems which we hope to resolve shortly.

This was followed by the active involvement of the Local Market Place Delivery group relentlessly pushing forward the development of the Market Square Area. This local development will become the future of Crowle and a way forward for our community. There are many local decisions to be made and a great deal of local consultation before finalisation of the project. All I can say at the moment is please watch this space and when the opportunity arises please make your comments.

The recent development of an overseeing group for all projects within the North of the Isle has been set up with the aid of North Lincolnshire Council and the major funding body "Yorkshire Forward" this group took on the title of "The North Isle Partnership" or (NIP) the group has already played an important role in securing funding for a new Toddler play area situated in Ealand park. This project was delivered and managed by the local group called "Friends of Ealand Park" The first phase of that project is completed and children are enjoying their new facility. There are many other groups in the area realising that Crowle and Ealand is the place to watch. We are a community that is moving forward and far from being a dying community we are very much alive and well.

Both our ward councillors have played and continue to play an active role in our regeneration together with several members of North Lincolnshire Councils Staff and I wish to relay our gratitude to all at North Lincolnshire Council for their continued support in these very changeable times.

The members of the Crowle Town Council work hard for the community and have had to search their consciences's when making some very difficult decisions I can assure you no councillor takes their work and responsibilities lightly and spend many hours deliberating and continue to do so on some very sensitive issues .

### **M Bailey (Mayor of Crowle 2008/2009 - Annual Report Cont:**

During the year we were the target of thieves who stole all the council's maintenance equipment creating not only financial loss to the council and the community with the added expense of employing contractors to fulfil our committed role at short notice.

I will at this point like to thank the contractors concerned for responding so rapidly and effectively to our needs.

Last year I reported on the state of repair of the cemetery chapels, which were in need of some remedial work. I can now report that the first phase of the work has been completed and the outside of the buildings is now in good condition and weather proof. We do however need to repair and decorate the inside of both chapels ready for re-use.

During the past few months some of your local councillors have been progressing with our attempt to gain Quality Council Status with many new targets needing to be hit. One such target was the production of a newsletter which was delivered with the aid of the Regeneration group within their own publication of the Regeneration News and I would like to thank the Regeneration group for their support and also for the great work they do for the community every year.

Manor Park has been the cause of many problems and concerns for the council and the local residents. This is an area that needs a considerable amount of expenditure if it is to become a good facility and accepted within the local community. Several attempts at raising support group interest have fallen by the wayside and I plead with the residents of the Town to support the efforts being made to gain the external funding that is required to turn this play area into a quality amenity for young and not so young alike.

The Town website is still up and running and all the council minutes and future council agendas are listed on it. We are trying to improve it by getting other pages of interest introduced and future copies of the Crowle Town Council's newsletter will be available on it. We hope to have a feedback and comments pages where people can comment on relevant Town issues.

My final words must be to thank my fellow councillors and staff for their support during my period as Town Mayor and in particular Kate who has worked exceptionally hard for the council as well as going forward for extensive training to enable her to serve you the residents effectively and I have pleasure in reporting that Kate has passed her course with distinctions and we should all be proud of her, Kate is now a well qualified clerk and I know she is very pleased with herself as its been extremely hard work for her.

Our Town Handyman Malcolm has also had to cope with a very difficult period within the council and I want to thank Malcolm for his continued support and effort.

### **N CULPIN MAYOR OF CROWLE 2009/2010 – MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

It is my intention in my year of office to liaise and communicate with the public with developments and changes occurring, and to promote *Crowle* as a town with external authorities. To see the completion of projects including: The Market Place, Manor Park Playing Field, the introduction of allotments, the expansion of the CCTV system, and to ensure the council proceeds to a Quality Parish status.



## **VANDALISM**

Recent articles in the local press have focused on the damage done to the porch door at St Oswald's Church; further investigation has found evidence of graffiti and drug taking. These matters demand attention and the determination to seek a solution. None of these activities reflects well on the town, particularly at a time when major improvements in Crowle are taking place. The question arises: *What is to be done?* Your views on this matter would be helpful. It is only through the combined efforts of the community that a solution can be found.

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