

Annual Report 2015-2016

The new civic year began in May with district and town council elections. Although the district elections were keenly fought only 10 candidates put themselves forward for the 12 town council places and so we had to co-opt. Fortunately we now have our full complement of 12 councillors with the arrival of Heather Sansom and Jade Walters.

The town council has undertaken its normal events which meant that we had a very successful Floral Crediton Competition and a pleasing number of entries in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards, thanks to the efforts of Cllr Michael Szabo.

On behalf of the town council the clerk has been pursuing a resolution of the Stoney Park issue as well as the transfer of the town square to the town council. Progress has been made on both issues but it has proved to be a long and time consuming process.

The Christmas in Crediton Parade was another good example of the community getting together when organised by the clerk and the town council's committee. The weather was not as good as last year but there were many hundreds of people along the High Street and in the town square for the Christmas tree lights switch-on.

The beginning of 2016 saw the town taking on the challenge of a closed High Street whilst essential work was carried out to repair the damaged sewer system. People were patient but it is true to say that some of the High Street businesses struggled a little.

The last challenge faced by the council and the town was withdrawal by Mid Devon District Council of its office staff in the Crediton Office building. This gave the opportunity for the town council to engage in a feasibility study of the office building and town square, which was undertaken by Devon Communities Together. The results of the study could give the town council a challenging project, which will benefit the town in the long run.

Frank Letch

Crediton Town Council
Income & Expenditure Account
01/04/2015 to 31/03/2016

(Last) Year Ended
31 Mar 2015

(Current) Year Ended
31 Mar 2016

	<u>Income</u>	
63.26	Administration	78.74
5,383.10	Property & Parks	3,978.36
5,990.85	Amenities	6,435.14
140,973.98	Precept	161,897.48
200.00	Ear Marked Reserves	150.00
5,593.00	TAP Fund	1,000.00
6,300.00	Neighbourhood Plan	3,750.00
	Parish Paths (P3)	3,000.00
		<u>£180,289.72</u>
<u>£164,504.19</u>		

	<u>Expense</u>	
	Parish Paths (P3)	33.47
	Localism Projects	9,000.00
	General Fund	1,132.32
7,099.89	Neighbourhood Plan	5,499.80
8,611.82	Administration	7,975.71
3,801.83	Council & Councillors	5,128.64
17,595.58	Property & Parks	15,607.96
1,667.60	Insurance	1,712.54
14,302.50	Grants	15,000.00
15,986.33	Amenities	14,471.67
7,405.14	Ear Marked Reserves	13,239.14
54,138.83	Salaries	54,371.53
5,593.00	TAP Fund	1,000.00
5.82	Provision for Doubtful Debts	-5.82
		<u>£144,166.96</u>
<u>£136,208.34</u>		

	<u>General Fund</u>	
53,633.68	Balance at 01 Apr 2015	80,449.52
164,504.19	ADD Total Income	180,289.72
218,137.87		<u>260,739.24</u>
136,208.34	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	144,166.96
81,929.53		<u>116,572.28</u>
1,480.01	Transfer to/from Reserves	19,455.65
<u>£80,449.52</u>	Balance at 31 Mar 2016	<u>£97,116.63</u>

Transfers:

General Fund to Earmarked Reserve £19,455.65