

**TIVERTON TOWN  
COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING**

**31<sup>ST</sup> March 2010**

## **The Mayor of Tiverton**

The Mayor of Tiverton from May 2009 until May 2010 was Councillor Paul Graham. Councillor Graham informed the Council that he had enjoyed a busy year, with a great many visits to local organisations and functions within the town.

Councillor Graham stated that one of the most memorable occasions was the Armed Forces Day when a small crowd gathered in Fore Street clapped our ex service and serving personnel. The other event which he listed as being of particular interest was the installation of the High Sheriff of Devon, which took place in the Town Hall. The High Sheriff is probably the oldest office, and in medieval times was in fact the law enforcer for the whole area. Now days the position is mainly ceremonial.

Councillor Graham stated that it had been a great honour to serve as Tiverton's first citizen, and that he would always remember his term of office.

One meeting that Councillor Graham will not forget was the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting is normally very poorly attended, however, because there was a speaker from Devon County Highways to discuss the problems with our roads in the Tiverton area. There was a large audience to hear what action was being proposed to improve the situation!

During the year Councillor Graham's charity was the Devon Air Ambulance. This is a very worthy cause and he will announce the final amount that he raised in the very near future.

Councillor Graham praised the many organisations in Tiverton and the unsung heroes who do so much for their community.

## Town Clerk's Report

The Council decided that any councillor could become a member of what ever committee of the council they liked, instead of such committees being restricted. This has proved to be very popular, and allows the more junior councillors to play a more active part in the running of the council.

More recently the Council has decided that there was a need to come away from the six week meeting pattern for full council and the finance committee. This has led to the finance committee now meeting on a monthly basis, and full council being on a bi-monthly basis. Planning now meets on the first and third Monday of the month. Some alterations are required to this timetable in May because of Mayor choosing and the fact that there are two bank holidays.

2010/11 will be the final year of the four year councillor cycle, with elections taking place in May 2011.

As most people are probably aware the proposal to have a Unitary Devon did not take place. Whilst the final recommendation was the creation of unitary status for Exeter, even that, as I write this report, has been rejected. We can therefore assume that the three tier local government system of county, district and town and parishes will remain in place for the next few years at least.

The town council, in partnership with Mid Devon District Council, set up a scheme to provide work for a number of people with learning difficulties keeping the town free of litter. This scheme, which is in addition to the services provided by the district council, is proving to be very beneficial to the town, and gives those people participating in the scheme a greater purpose. A number of people have commented on the improvements in the town since the introduction of this initiative.

Tiverton was only the second town in Devon to introduce the Power of Well Being, a power that required the councillors attending a training course, and an examination for the town clerk. The power provides a greater flexibility should the council wish to do additional things for the benefit of the town which were not covered by former powers under the Local Government Act of 1972.

At the end of 2010 the Council will need to resubmit an application to retain Quality Status. From my understanding there are still only two councils in Mid Devon who have this status, the other being Cullompton.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Tiverton in Bloom**

The Britain in Bloom judges were very complimentary about the floral displays in the town and the other aspects of the competition. Over the years far more items have been added to the scheme, making it far harder to achieve high marks, however, due to the hard work of this small committee, and our partners, Mid Devon District Council and Taunton Borough Council, together with the support of traders and private individuals, Tiverton achieved a Silver Gilt award for 2009. How nice it would be if we could achieve Gold for 2010!

### **Planning**

The planning committee met on a regular basis to make its recommendations in respect of the vast number of planning applications that we are consulted on. These vary from a change of use of a property to a new housing estate. This committee also looks at any applications for a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003. The planning committee were also involved in recommendations for the long term plans for Tiverton, which covers a period of 20 years.

### **Finance & General Purposes**

This committee is responsible for ensuring that the finances of the council are in order. It looks at the expenditure against the budget and of course makes recommendations to full council in relation to the setting of the budget for the following year.

The committee also ensures that customers are getting a good service from our facility at the New Hall. Over the last few years a great deal of improvements have taken place at this hall, which is located in Barrington Street.

### **Civic & Ceremonial**

This committee produced a guide to the protocol of civic events, which has proved to be a very useful document. Whilst the number of civic events within the town has decreased over the years it is felt that it is important that the ancient customs and traditions of the town are maintained.

In 2010 the town will perform the perambulation of the Leat, an event that has occurred every seven years for hundreds of years. This event will take place on the second Saturday in September, and it is expected that a great deal of people will walk the route of the leat.

## **Allotments**

We are pleased to announce that the council has agreed terms with Mid Devon District Council for the renting of an allotment site at Harroby Close for a twenty year period. This has tidied that site up and has also reduced the waiting list considerably.

A new community garden scheme has been introduced on the outskirts of the town. This provides an opportunity for people to work together to obtain garden produce. The scheme is at present in its infancy but it is hoped that it will be successful, having worked in other towns.

## **Town Emergency**

This committee has recently become a sub committee of the Finance committee.

## **Christmas Lights**

A three year agreement is in place with a company who hire out Christmas Lights. Last years Christmas illuminations were well received, and a similar scheme will be implemented for 2010.

In addition to arranging the Christmas illuminations a number of fund raising events are organised by this committee.

## **Carnival**

The carnival is no longer administered by the town council and is organised by an outside organisation.

## TIVERTON TOWN COUNCIL

### PROFIT AND LOSS FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010

	Apr '09 - Mar 10
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Street Cleaning	286.62
Administration'	5,260.43
Allotment Receipts	1,751.74
Bank Interest	946.86
Cemetery Grant	180.00
Christmas Lights & Carnival	6,196.72
Civic & Ceremonial'	381.79
New Hall'	24,054.27
P3	1,550.00
Precept	222,298.00
Tiverton In Bloom Income	4,756.11
Town Hall Commission	1,261.79
Town Hall Letting Income	3,302.20
<b>Total Income</b>	272,226.53
<b>Gross Profit</b>	272,226.53
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration	77,160.20
Allotments	3,162.23
Christmas Lights/Carnival	21,891.08
Civic & Ceremonial	10,989.98
Clock Tower	329.69
Grants	25,678.00
New Hall	67,960.17
P3 Footpaths	1,445.77
Public Works Board Loan	9,669.88
Street Cleaning	473.25
Tiverton In Bloom	11,635.99
Town Hall	11,269.67
Town Hall Letting	4,206.05
Training	134.60
<b>Total Expense</b>	246,006.56
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	26,219.97

<b>WARD</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>Tiverton Town Council</b>	<b>TELEPHONE</b>
Cranmore	Laina Howe	20 Sideling Fields, Canal Hill, Tiverton, EX16 4HG	01884 252536
Cranmore	Mark Packham	6 Gooding Rise Tiverton EX16 5BX	01884 252643
Cranmore	Pauline Farr	60 Bampton Street, Tiverton EX16 6AH	01884 242280
Cranmore	Vacant		
Cranmore	Janet Smith	10 Irene Way Tiverton EX16 6TH	01884 242713
Cranmore	Kevin Wilson	23 Besley Close Canal Hill Tiverton EX16 4JF	01884 243126
Castle	Ken Gilderthorp	93 Pinnex Moor Road, Tiverton EX16 6JZ	01884 252997
Castle	Jane Bonnick	22 Longmeadow Tiverton EX16 6EJ	01884 243705
Castle	Janet Rendle	Lower Mellguards, Park Road Tiverton EX16 6AU	01884 254914
Castle	Elaine Trump	Sallows, 13 Park Hill Tiverton EX16 6RP	01884 252366
Castle	Lester Crocker <b>Mayor</b>	4 Beeley Orchard, Bolham Tiverton EX16 7RB	01884 259518 07887845914
Lowman	Susan Griggs	Old Vicarage St Andrew Street Tiverton EX16 6PH	07850375895
Lowman	Neal Davey <b>Deputy Mayor</b>	7 Amory Road, Tiverton EX16 5ES	01884 257734
Lowman	Vacant		
Lowman	Dennis Knowles	2 Mercers Close Tiverton EX16 6AE	01884 254775
Lowman	Paul Graham	10 Trickey Close, Tiverton EX16 6HF	07794114785
Lowman	John Jordan	8 Johns Way, Underhill Park, Tiverton, EX16 6SE	01884 242532
Westexe S	Wallace Burke	108 Lower Cotteylands Tiverton EX16 5BJ	01884 256402
Westexe South	Alan Griffiths	9 Prideaux Crescent Tiverton EX16 6JY	01884 242477
Westexe South	Mary Turner	Hobsons Choice Westexe South Tiverton EX16 5DT	01884 254750
Westexe South	Randall Williams	9 Gooding Rise, Tiverton EX16 5BX	01884 253703
Westexe N	Heather Newman	45 Barrington Street Tiverton EX16 6QP	01884 254110
Westexe North	Tom Lindus	Hensleigh Cottage Annex Hensleigh, Tiverton EX16 5NH	01884 252783
Westexe N	Gerald Luxton	Palm Tree Cottage 11 Patches Road Tiverton EX16 5AH	01884 252671

