

Summary of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2007

As previously, this summary includes the assets and transactions of three charitable trusts: Haxey Gate Endowment, Misterton Community Trust and Misterton Pools Fund.

We opened with a balance of £42,465.71 and closed with £19,646.01. The major receipt was the precept (£48,890), which is the local charge on the Council Tax. Grants from Bassetlaw District Council included Cemetery Grant, Concurrent Grant and Skatepark Grant. The County Council gave £3,198.44 towards equipping The Misterton Centre. The Lincolnshire Co-operative Society Ltd. gave £587 towards Christmas illuminations. Total fixed assets at 31st March amounted to £690,722.

The major items of expenditure were upkeep of amenities at the Sports Field and Church Meadow, a donation towards essential improvements at the Primary School swimming pool, equipping The Misterton Centre, salaries and administrative expenses. £20,551 was spent from the Capital Reserve.

RECEIPTS

Annual Precept	48,890.00
Bassetlaw Annual Grants	2,127.00
Interest on Investments	1,266.74
Sports Field Hire	231.90
VAT Refund	2,307.79
Skate Park Donation	1,000.00
Best Kept Village Competition Prizes	375.00
Christmas Illuminations	587.00
The Misterton Centre	3,198.44
Miscellaneous Income	30.63
	<u>60,014.50</u>

PAYMENTS

Payroll	17,175.00
Amenity Expenses	21,543.93
Primary School Swimming Pool	10,000.00
Administrative Expenses	10,315.45
Christmas Charity Distribution	145.00
Donations, Local Good Causes, Etc.	3,084.03
Village Hall & Victoria Institute	7,292.84
Joint Burial Committee	4,152.00
The Misterton Centre	5,537.48
VAT on Payments	3,588.47
	<u>82,834.20</u>

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Misterton
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Chairman's report

It's been a busy year – and one that this Parish Council and residents should be proud of. Before I outline some of the village's achievements, I would like to say thank you to:

- people in this community who make a positive contribution to village life – many quietly and in an unassuming way
- those working for organisations with which we work in partnership: the District and County Councils, the Police, the School, the Youth Club, the Sports Social Club, the numerous voluntary organisations – and many more
- members of this Parish Council, who demonstrate their commitment to this community by giving freely of their time in many more ways than just turning up for meetings – and, generally, getting little thanks for it!
- finally, special thanks to the Clerk, who has had the vision to advise this Council and the tenacity to manage the process through some difficult moments.

Well, what a year that was! The good news began in May when, together with Everton and Gringley, we became the first parish councils in Bassetlaw to be awarded Quality Accreditation. We followed that by winning Category A of the Best Kept Village Competition, and also the Best New Entry Award. We were also runners-up in the Calor Building Community Life Competition, and our entry, Ranters Farm, won joint first prize in the Harry Johnson (Architectural) Award. All these were stunning achievements and a credit to all the people of Misterton who made an effort.

Our own Most Improved Property Competition was won by Sally Deakin and Simon Hartley, of 55 Station Street, with second prize going to Betty Wheewall, of 31 Newells Terrace. People like Sally, Simon and Betty made a real contribution to our successful bid to win Category A of the Best Kept Village Competition.

Our other big achievement last year was in being selected to represent Nottinghamshire in the Calor Village of the Year Competition. This was a tremendous honour. Thanks to everyone who took part in the presentation to the judges or helped in other ways.

The Misterton Centre is now open. This initiative is an attempt to make life easier for residents of Misterton and surrounding villages, avoiding the need to make a longish journey to Worksop or Retford to access facilities which are now on offer at the Centre, or will be in the near future.

Unfortunately the Station Road common land matter continues to drag on through no fault of ours. Hopefully, it will be resolved soon with a sale of the common land.

We've been working with the Police and other agencies to come up with ways of combating the mindless vandalism which has bedevilled the Youth & Community Centre in recent months. Hopefully a solution will soon be found. As is usually the case, a small number of out-of-control young people are ruining things for everyone else. So far this year they've cost the community many thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money.

We were hampered last year by a proposal by the District Council to have the Village Hall listed. The matter rumbled on for five months before the Secretary of State ruled that the building is very plain and not worthy of listing. We've also twice been refused planning permission for redevelopment of the site for residential, mainly on highway visibility grounds. A third application is being submitted which will hopefully be third time lucky.

We held a public meeting in June, mainly to look at the Victoria Institute. It was unanimously agreed that comprehensive discussions should take place with the County Council, and other relevant organisations, with a view to providing a sustainable use for the building, possibly by transferring the library into it with excellent facilities including an information technology suite. Following the discussions, which appeared positive, we're still awaiting draft proposals from the County Council.

Although planning permission for residential development on the former Jenkins Newell Dunford factory site was refused on appeal, the club is still under threat. Various sites for a new home for the club are being looked at, and the Parish Council is assisting in any way it can.

We've completed our security improvements to the Sports Field over the past year with the intention of preventing unauthorised vehicular access. The facilities continue to be well used and successful. Unfortunately, our hopes for an on-site facility for cricket teas failed, with the Bowls Club not being able to agree that cricketers could use the bowls pavilion. And our landlords, JND Technologies, refused permission for us to either build an extension to the sports pavilion or to bring a portacabin on site.

Donations to local voluntary organisations continue in the usual way. This year we also gave a significant donation to the school as a contribution towards the visit to the Egyptian exhibition in London. However, we made an exceptionally large donation of £10,000 from our capital reserve to the school, towards the £35,000 cost of bringing the swimming pool up to standard. The headteacher confirmed that the project would not have gone ahead without this major donation.

We continue to work hard on infrastructure issues, and are currently trying to get Minster Road resurfaced and three unadopted roads adopted.

North Notts Landscapes again beautifully maintained the sports field, and Paul Hinds, who also maintains the Joint Burial Committee burial grounds, once again skillfully maintained the village amenity areas. The Summer Gala was rain-free last year, and successful. The Christmas illuminations were beautiful as ever – thanks mainly to Derrick Wheewall, but with thanks also to Clive Burton, the Lions, the Methodist Church and a donation from the Co-op. We continue to try to get something done about the Old Bank.

So – it's been a busy year but a successful one. We've standards to maintain but I'm sure that, with the community working together, we can have a fair crack at this year's various awards – and, who knows, we might even do well in the national Village of the year awards, too.

**Hazel Brand
Chairman**