

## Summary of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2008

Because of changes to the Accounts and Audit Regulations regarding certain types of charities, cash balances and transactions relating to Haxey Gate Endowment and Misterton Community Trust are now excluded from the figures below, although Misterton Poores Fund continues to be included.

We opened with a balance of £19,139.74 and closed with £20,132.25. The major receipt was the precept (£65,580), which is the local charge on the Council Tax. Grants from Bassetlaw District Council included Cemetery Grant and Concurrent Grant. Smaller grants and donations mainly related to the village's participation in the Calor English Village of the Year Award. Total fixed assets at 31st March amounted to £263,598.75.

The major items of expenditure were upkeep of amenities at the Sports Field and Church Meadow, running The Misterton Centre, legal fees involved in the Station Road common land dispute, salaries and administrative expenses. £4,343 was spent from the Capital Reserve.

### RECEIPTS

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Annual Precept                    | 65,580.00        |
| Bassetlaw Annual Grants           | 1,997.00         |
| Interest on Investments           | 1,204.49         |
| Sports Field Hire                 | 619.42           |
| DARE Grant                        | 500.00           |
| Calor English Village of the Year | 1,000.00         |
| The Misterton Centre (recharges)  | 8,159.56         |
| Miscellaneous Income              | 461.08           |
| VAT Refund                        | 5,911.31         |
|                                   | <u>85,432.86</u> |

### PAYMENTS

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Payroll                                  | 26,020.00        |
| Amenity Expenses                         | 13,508.30        |
| Administrative Expenses                  | 8,482.12         |
| Legal Fees (Station Rd Common Land)      | 5,220.28         |
| Donations, Local Good Causes, Etc.       | 2,329.32         |
| Village Hall & Victoria Institute        | 6,697.74         |
| Joint Burial Committee                   | 4,152.00         |
| The Misterton Centre (excluding payroll) | 13,907.14        |
| Miscellaneous Expenditure                | 30.00            |
| VAT on Payments                          | 4,093.45         |
|  | <u>84,440.35</u> |

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June 2008



Misterton  
Parish Council  
Annual Report

2007/08



# 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, Misterton Sports Social Club, the numerous voluntary organisations – and many more
- members of this Parish Council, who demonstrate their commitment to the community by giving freely of their time in many more ways than just turning up for meetings – and, generally, getting little thanks (and often not a little criticism) for it!
- finally, special thanks to the Clerk, who again has had the skills, experience, professionalism, and vision to advise this Council, and the tenacity to manage the Council through some difficult moments.

We're had quite a turnaround in personnel over the last twelve months. Barbara Boulby, Sandra Farmer and Graham Shipley have all left the Parish Council. Our best wishes go out to them for their past service. They were replaced by Jenny Adams, Sarah Harwood-Gray, and Ralph Rimington.

Andrea Sly, our former Receptionist at The Misterton Centre, has left us, and Pauline Dickinson has taken her place. A special welcome to Pauline: I would like to commend the way she has fitted into the role of Receptionist, and has proved extremely able.

Well, what another great year we've had, starting with the official opening of The Misterton Centre in June, when Chief Constable Steve Green, officiating, described it as a model of excellence.

Next came the announcement that we'd been awarded the Business Award for Central England in the Calor English Village of the Year Competition.

In the autumn, we heard that we were the only local council in England and Wales to be shortlisted in all three Co-operative Bank/ LCR Communications Competitions – annual report, newsletter and website. We went on to be awarded third place in the Annual Report Competition.

And then, last but certainly not least, we were awarded the joint

runner-up prize in the Aon/NALC Council of the Year Competition. The winner, Ivybridge (Devon), and joint runner-up, Sedgefield (Durham), are both town councils, and so that made us top parish council in England and Wales.

We were the only local council to win awards in both the Council of the Year Competition and the Communications Competitions.

Kate Macdonald and Craig Bland, proprietors of Misterton MOT & Service Centre, won our own Most Improved Premises Competition. This was the first commercial premises to win the award. We extend our appreciation to all the entrants, as they make a real contribution to the quality of life in Misterton.

The Misterton Centre has quickly become a civic focal point for the village and surrounding villages, providing information and services of a public nature. It was included in a recent joint production by Notts ALC and RCAN, which featured six outstanding achievements by parish councils in Nottinghamshire. It was the only Bassetlaw inclusion.

We're very pleased that the longstanding problem of the Station Road common land has been resolved, with it being sold for £106,500, subject to covenants preserving parking rights on the common land and access across it to the canal towpath.

A Public Inquiry is being held into the refusal of planning permission for 78 dwellings at the Marsh Lane/Fox Covert Lane former factory site. We've made representations that, if the appeal succeeds, a condition should be imposed requiring provision of a new social club/community building on land to be provided elsewhere in the village by Langley Homes Ltd.

On infrastructure, we were very pleased that we successfully persuaded the County Council to resurface Minster Road. We're currently talking to the County Council about the possibility of a crossing facility on High Street and a temporary interactive sign outside Newells Terrace. The big story of the summer was, however, the floods of 25th June, which caused significant damage to certain properties. Our good relations with the County Council have brought about drainage improvements at the junction of Gravel Holes Lane and Grovewood Road, which will hopefully prevent further flooding at that location. Something else we're doing is putting together a parish emergency plan.

On the big issue of rationalisation of the public buildings at School Corner, we've established a dialogue with the County Council and it's hoped that firm proposals will be put to our meeting on 8 July.

No realistic proposals have been received for any future use of the Victoria Institute in the six years in which it has been unoccupied and derelict. So the future plan will most likely include demolition of all buildings, apart from the listed building and old school house, but including the Victoria Institute (subject to public consultation). This will allow the listed building to be redeveloped as a modern library and youth centre, with the remainder of the site, including the old school house, being sold off for private housing.

The Village Hall will hopefully soon be sold. This will resolve the problem of another redundant building in the village.

After many years of dialogue with the District Council over the need to demolish the old bank on Station Street, we've established that legislation is available to tackle such eyesores. We hope that it won't be too long before this eyesore is removed.

On to the sports field, which was beautifully maintained once again by North Notts Landscapes. Working with the Cricket Club, we've redesigned the interior of the sports pavilion to facilitate the serving of cricket teas, thus resolving a longstanding problem. Unfortunately, however, last summer was a real headache with seven crimes involving criminal damage being reported, including wanton vandalism to the new cricket sightscreens.

Paul Hinds, who also maintains the Joint Burial Committee burial grounds, once again beautifully maintained the village amenity areas.

The Summer Gala was once again successful.

The Christmas illuminations were beautiful as ever.

The Christmas Charity Distribution was made as usual. Councillors continue to play an active role on the four village charities.

Donations to local voluntary organisations continue as usual. In 2007 we gave an exceptionally large donation of £10,000 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, and the work is now complete.

So – it's been a busy year and another successful one. May there be many more!

**Hazel Brand**  
Chairman