

## Summary of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2009

Once again we begin by pointing out that the figures below don't include Haxey Gate Endowment and Misterton Community Trust (Victoria Institute and Village Hall), although they do include the proceeds of sale of the Village Hall received by the Parish Council, together with expenditure incurred by the Parish Council on Trust properties prior to the sale, and the net balance paid over to the Trust after the sale. The Trust now has its own bank accounts.

We opened with a balance of £20,132.25 and closed with £129,914.78. The major receipt was £100,000.00 from the sale of the Station Road common land, plus a contribution towards professional fees of £6,500.00. The precept was pegged at £65,580 - this is the local charge on the Council Tax. Grants from Bassetlaw District Council included Cemetery Grant and Concurrent Grant. Total fixed assets at 31st March amounted to £241,778.25.

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. £12,738.78 was spent from the Capital Reserve.

### RECEIPTS

Annual Precept	65,580.00
Bassetlaw Annual Grants	2,018.00
Interest on Investments	3,804.56
Sports Field Hire	506.30
Sale of Common Land	106,500.00
Sale of Village Hall/Insurance Refund	42,138.63
The Misterton Centre (recharges)	6,650.11
Miscellaneous Income	249.95
VAT Refund	8,308.16
	<u>235,755.71</u>

### PAYMENTS

Payroll	35,292.55
Amenity Expenses	23,491.09
Administrative Expenses	9,049.25
Professional Fees (Station Rd Common Land)	13,918.66
Donations, Local Good Causes, Etc.	1,630.97
Village Hall & Victoria Institute	24,710.93
Joint Burial Committee	4,152.00
The Misterton Centre (excluding payroll)	5,807.15
Miscellaneous Expenditure	30.00
VAT on Payments	7,890.58
	<u>125,973.18</u>

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# Chairman's report

Every year, I say that it's been a busy year – and this year's no exception. But it's one that this Parish Council and residents should be proud of. Before I go on to outline some of the village's achievements, I'd 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, School, Youth Club, Sports and Social Club, numerous voluntary organisations – and many more
- members of the 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 (and often criticism) for it!

Finally, special thanks to the Clerk, who again has used his skills, experience, professionalism, and vision to advise this Council – and the tenacity to manage the Council through some difficult moments. He completed 10 years' service with us earlier in the year.

Once again we've had changes over the last twelve months. Ralph Rimington, Alan Stead and Norman White have all left the Parish Council. Our best wishes go out to them for their past service and for the future. They've been replaced by Wayne Flower, Steve Taylor and Ian Trossell.

Sarah Harwood-Gray qualified as a first responder.

Well, a quieter year than 2007/08 as regards numbers of accolades, but for the second year running we were voted top parish council in the country in the NALC/Aon Council of the Year Awards: a glittering achievement. We came third overall, but the winner and runner-up were both large town councils. Unfortunately there's no competition this year, but it's resuming next year.

Personally, I felt honoured to be chosen to represent Nottinghamshire local councils at a Royal Garden Party in July.

We decided against entering the CPRE Notts Best Kept Village Competition last year, and again this year, because of the number of problem sites in the village. However, we again ran our Most Improved Premises Competition, which was won by Alan and Maggie Scott, of Mayfield Barn, High Street. Certificates of Merit were awarded to Elizabeth Hinchliffe, of Bella Fiore, Station Street, and Jane Kilpatrick on behalf of the Library. We extend our appreciation

to all the entrants, as they make a real contribution to the quality of life in Misterton.

The Misterton Centre is now firmly a part of the village infrastructure, providing accessible services to residents and residents of nearby villages, thus saving them considerable effort and money in not having to travel to Retford and Worksop to access certain services. We pride ourselves that we'll tackle any problem with our very best endeavour.

Bassetlaw District Council was recently inspected by the Audit Commission. Along with some of the 'top brass' at the Council, the inspectors visited The Misterton Centre, and were most impressed with the facilities at the Centre and its community commitment.

We finally sold the Village Hall last year, paying off the accumulated debt to the Council taxpayer in the process, leaving a small balance which is currently being used to maintain the Victoria Institute. We're still hoping to include the Victoria Institute in a regeneration project, including all the public buildings at School Corner, but the details are not yet known and it's a slow process.

Our bid to save Misterton Sports Social Club finally bit the dust, with planning permission being given to redevelop the Club and factory site for residential development. The Club is expecting to be evicted in January. The Club and Parish Council are working in partnership with a view to creating a new community centre which, while providing typical village hall-type facilities, will also provide a new home for the Club. Millennium House on Fox Covert Lane has been identified as a possible target. We've also consulted the community on a proposal by a development company to carry out development on Grovewood Road, which would give us a new community centre free of charge. We'll report further on this in our summer newsletter.

We've carried out several improvements at the sports field, including the laying of a new path, and provision of drainage in the car park. We've also provided a path to provide better access to the nursery play area on Church Meadow. Because of the growing importance of The Misterton Centre, we've recently provided a second external notice board to accommodate the increasing amount of literature we receive.

Because we've resolved the problems of the Station Road common land and the Village Hall, we were, at our Finance Committee meeting in January, able to reduce the precept for the current financial year from £65,580 to just £48,880 – a reduction of 25%. This takes us back to pre-April 2006 levels.

Regrettably, the last 12 months have seen a number of complaints made by and about the Parish Council. We've formed a Strategic Review Committee to look at these complaints (not the details but general lessons to be learned), public relations and staff matters, and we hope that actions that the Committee may consider will improve relations in the future.

Paul Hinds, who also maintains the Joint Burial Committee burial grounds, once again beautifully maintained the village amenity areas. Similarly, North Notts Landscapes again did sterling work routinely maintaining the sports field, where, in addition, the drainage ditches were thoroughly cleaned out. Thanks also to Middlebridge Construction, which stepped into the breach to speedily and economically carry out a wide range of smaller jobs.

The Summer Gala was once again successful.

The Christmas illuminations were limited, owing to Cllr Wheewall's ill health.

The Christmas Charity Distribution was made as usual. Councillors continue to play an active role on the four village charities, being the Haxey Gate, Poors, Standering and Wells Charities, together with the new Misterton Community Trust.

Donations to local voluntary organisations continue in the usual way.

So – it's been another busy year. We've come so close to winning Council of the Year two years running that I hope it will be third time lucky when the award is resurrected in 2010.

We hope that in 2010 we will once again reach the national quality standard – to do that will call for us all to pull together for the betterment of the village and I trust that that's what we'll see in the year ahead.

**Hazel Brand  
Chairman**