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For the first time in many years, Higham Parish Council maintained its full complement of Councillors throughout the year. All the Parish Councillors will end their four-year term of office in next May, and a new Parish Council will be elected or co-opted.

During the year we produced four quarterly issues of the village newspaper, Higham 'Spout', under the leadership of its editor, Borough Councillor James Starkie.

The village website [www.highamparishcouncil.com](http://www.highamparishcouncil.com) continued to be well used by people from both within and outside the village.

During the year we held the Over 60's Christmas Party, which again was a resounding success.

The Annual Village Meeting once again took place. The various organisations, groups and clubs in the village gave presentations and answered questions. The event was well attended by villagers, who enjoyed wine, cheese and pâté after the official proceedings.

The Parish Council continued to financially support the Summer Fete and the Bonfire. Many thanks go to the Organisers of these events and also to the organisers of the equally successful Easter Exhibition, the Scarecrow Exhibition and Santa at the Four Alls.

The stone planter at the bottom of the village was repositioned away from the trees so that plants would actually grow it. The blooming flowers this spring proved this theory correct. A 'Welcome to Higham' sign mentioning the birthplace of Sir Jonas Moore was fixed to the face of the planter.

A similar sign was fixed to one of the stones at the top of the village, where the Rockery feature is at present under construction.

We have continued the maintenance of the Recreation Ground, Chapel Graveyard, and the mowing of the bypass verges at both entrances to the village. To add to the general tidiness of the village we recently held another successful Clean-up day.

A road safety scheme was implemented on Higham Hall Road, opposite the Four Alls Inn. This consisted of forming a marked walkway in the road on the Four Alls side, and removing a small area of cobbles in front of the trough, to enable wheelchair users and people with prams to safely transit that part of the road.

A new notice board was fixed in the bus shelter in the centre of the village, replacing the old one in the Chapel yard.

Following the experience of our entry in last year's Best Kept Village Competition, we have entered again. We encourage everybody to help us by making sure their immediate neighbourhood is neat and tidy for the six week period of judging from the beginning of June.

Work was restarted earlier in the year on the Clover Croft Development. We are very encouraged by both the progress and appearance of the work done up to present. It is understood that the first houses on the development will be occupied and the show house opened in the very near future.

I'd like to thank all the Parish Councillors, our County Councillor, Borough Councillor and Parish Clerk for the commitment they show in trying to make this village a better place in which to live, and I commend this report to you.

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