

Ellingham United Charities

Parish Council Report

March 2015

The Charities Year commenced with it's first Bi-annual meeting in March where the previous year's accounts were approved and matters generally were discussed.

During this meeting it was with regret that our Parish council Trustee Stuart Phillips had to step down due to his and his wife's ill health. We are grateful for his contribution to the Charity over the many years he has been with us and we wish him and his wife well for the future.

The Charity now has six Trustees, three of whom are Parish Council Trustees and one vacancy (to which the Chairperson and Clerk of the Parish Council have been notified). The Trustees at present are Rev Julie Oddy-Bates, (Chairperson/ Incumbent) Mrs Stephanie Day, Mr. Roddam Gooch, Mr. Alan Chapman, Mr. Tony Tomkinson and Mr. Roy Spall (the latter two being the Church Trustees.)

During the year, we have been regular contact with the Charities Commission as regards the new scheme. The Commission duly informed us that a new scheme was not required and with more powers given to the Trustees the amendments could be made using Resolutions. Fourteen Resolutions were prepared and approved by the Trustees and presented to the Commission for approval. During this period, our bi-annual meeting was held and it was decided that payment of grants were to be suspended until after the Charity Commission's approval at a time frame given by the Charity Commission.

An extra-ordinary meeting was held in January 2015 where the new Resolutions were formally implemented, as the Commission's expiry date had passed a month before. During this meeting in accordance with the new Resolutions all applications for assistance were discussed and considered. The Charity Commission has not yet formally approved the Resolutions in writing but has done so by default on two occasions. The Charity Commission is fully aware that we are now operating the Charity in accordance with our fourteen new resolutions.

The Charities total income last year amounted to £6706.92. The total amount donated in November was £7059.71. The Charities expenses, running and obligation costs were £315.36.

The Charity has set aside some monies to cover emergency assistance, if and when required, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Peter Bates,

Clerk to Ellingham United Charities.

5th March 2015.