

Ridlington Playing Field

Chairman's Report – May 2017

2016/17

We started the year with a balance of £2545.10 after a disappointing year with low income and unexpected additional expenses. Income for the current year has improved and we have increased our balance to £2768.26. The building is in a poor condition and painting has already started in May. There has also been the usual volunteer day to tidy up the building and boundaries. Dog walkers have been a problem in the winter and notices have been placed to encourage them to be more responsible.

2017/18

There is no foreseen increase in costs. Insurance will increase due to additional tax on premiums but business rates will decrease slightly. There will be no contribution from the Petanque club but it is hoped that the Cricket Club and Oakham School will continue to contribute. It is intended to raise at least £1500 this year in order to cover estimated annual costs.

Trustees

Maggie Mortell has had to stand down as Trustee and Chairman as she has moved out of the village. We all owe a great vote of thanks to Maggie for her huge contribution over the years. However we believe she will still be close enough in Ayston to remain involved. The Trustees need to appoint a new Trustee and have nominated Simon Powell. This needs to be confirmed at the Village meeting

Childrens' Play Area

The ROSPA safety inspection in May has highlighted some areas where we need to make improvements. We have to consider whether these are affordable.