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Horsforth Town Council

Horsforth Parish Council was formed in 1999 by a group of like minded people who wanted to preserve Horsforth's sense of community and by mainly voluntary effort, improve the appearance of Horsforth. They petitioned for a Parish Council and this was granted. They later changed their name to Town Council but this did not increase the Council's status. Horsforth Town Council exists to act as a democratically elected forum and focus for the township of Horsforth. It does not provide any services itself, these are provided by Leeds City Council.

All its meetings and those of its Committees are open to attendance by residents. A regular newsletter, "Horsforth Matters", is distributed to every home. It informs residents of activities in Horsforth.

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1 - Chairman's Comments

The year started with the election of a new Town Council which saw a number of long-serving Councillors lose their seats and almost half of the Councillors elected were new to the Council.

I would like to thank those Councillors that lost their seats for their efforts over many years and I think they can be assured that, given how busy 2015-2016 has been, the new Councillors have risen to the challenge and I would like to thank all my fellow Town Councillors for the work they have done for the community during the year.

Over the past 12 months we have seen our Town Clerk, Charlotte Dodd, consolidate her role and help steer the Town Council through the busy year.

Unfortunately our Admin Assistant and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), Linda Makin, decided to leave the Council earlier this year and we wish her well for the future.

To replace Linda, we have recruited Julie Sou as our Admin Assistant and I would like to welcome her to the Council. Julie is currently the Clerk for Aberford Town Council and I am sure she will enjoy the challenge of a larger Town Council.

1.1 The present situation.

- a. **The Community Committee** has continued its work in supporting local groups as diverse as the Girl Guides, Art Society and Trinity Players. It has also supported the Horsforth WW1 100 year commemoration and helped fund new name plaques for the War Memorial. This year also saw Horsforth becoming a Fairtrade Town and many thanks to Cllr Pritlove for her work on this with the Horsforth Fairtrade Town Steering Group.
- b. **The Environment Committee** continued its support for Horsforth in Bloom, hanging baskets and Christmas lights. The toilets in Hall Park have been highlighted as being of concern and whilst some work (addition of baby changing facilities) has been done following pressure from residents and the Council, there is still more to be done.
- c. **The Public Safety Committee** continues its commitment to part-funding two PCSOs in Horsforth, and receives regular reports on policing issues in Horsforth covering crime & traffic issues. The Committee has continued to fund small No Cold Calling Zones schemes, in conjunction with the requests from residents and on the recommendation from our PCSOs. The Committee is also investigating the possibility of supplying grit bins in winter in addition to those supplied by Leeds City Council.
- d. **The Planning and Licensing Committee** continues to look at all planning applications for new developments, house modifications and changes of use of premises and also licensing changes. For many applications we do not make any comments but are always aware of the problems caused by over-development, requirements for additional parking or other potential nuisance to neighbours and comment on such as necessary. The committee and its working group is still involved in establishing a Neighbourhood Plan for Horsforth. Further resident and business consultations on potential housing and Horsforth development have been carried out.

