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1. INTRODUCTION

This is the eight year that Ponteland has been a Town Council and I have pleasure in presenting the Mayor's Annual Report for 2015/16.

The annual report to the electors provides the opportunity to summarise the work over the last year. The report will be on the website and printed copies are available. I will expand on some items that may be unknown to electors even though the content will be familiar to the Town Councillors.

Ponteland Town Council (PTC) has 12 Councillors, 3 for each Ward of North, South, East and West. A person is a Town Councillor for 4 years. If someone resigns, that triggers co-option or a by election. The last by-election was in Ponteland West Ward in 2014 when Alan Varley was elected. Since then the Council has remained unchanged with a full team of 12 Councillors.

In May the 12 Town Councillors decide who will be the Mayor for the following year. I became Mayor in May 2014. It is an honour to be Mayor and it is also a fair amount of work. You meet many nice people but it is difficult to keep all the residents happy all of the time.

Town Councillors are unpaid volunteers and they all have the interests of Ponteland at heart. Councillors ensure that decisions are taken democratically by consensus or by vote. We agree on most things but not on all and there are times when a majority vote makes the decision. I thank Councillors who have the grace to accept that they won't win every vote. That's democracy.

Councillors decisions are implemented by paid staff and Ponteland benefits from having very good and loyal Town Council staff. There are four staff - one is full time, 3 are part time and their combined hours equate to 2.7 full timers. The staff action a range of tasks within an overall financial responsibility of around £600,000.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Vision and Aim

To provide support and value for money services for the residents of Ponteland. The Council promotes pride in Ponteland and encourages the residents of Ponteland to take part in making Ponteland a place where we all want to live.

2.2 Partnership Working

Much of our work is carried out with others. This includes work in Ponteland Park (with the Friends of Ponteland Park), Community Cleaning (with the County Council), Youth Work at the High School, with Ponteland Community Partnership (on Pont News & Views), with Darras Hall Estate Committee (for the bridlepath and speed monitors on the estate) and the Civic Society.

We also give small grants to several local organisations that are listed below.

A major involvement for PTC is the Northumbria in Bloom competition. Ponteland won a Gold Medal in 2013, 2014 and in 2015. Congratulations to our Environment Working Party on the work they do and we appreciate the support of local businesses.

PTC thanks go to all residents who help to improve the quality of life in Ponteland. A number of little things when partnered make a difference.

3. WHAT WE DO

3.1 Councillors and Staff

The Town Clerk and staff carry out mandatory functions required by law such as the production of agenda, minutes and public accounts. Added to these functions are the daily tasks which make Ponteland a good place to live. A few examples are:

- (i) Litter picking/Dog waste bins,
- (ii) Gritting of Merton Way and Broadway and other key paths.
- (iii) Some grass cutting (on Coates Green and the Park),
- (iv) Environmental activities (such as removal of graffiti and repair of damage)
- (v) Allotments
- (vi) Play areas
- (vii) Maintenance of the Park
- (viii) Christmas Lighting
- (ix) Public Conveniences at Thornhill Road

3.1.1 Ponteland Town Council Status and Role

Northumberland has 153 Parish and Town Councils and Ponteland is one of only 5 Councils in the County to have achieved Quality Approved and Accredited status. The Council is currently in the process of seeking re-accreditation.

Ponteland is one of the bigger Councils serving approximately 12,000 residents. During the year we have over 60 meetings through our Committees, Working Parties and Council. All meetings require agendas, minutes and working documents as well as the implementation of decisions. There are also a number of ad-hoc meetings. In addition, the Council tries to send a representative to outside bodies that influence life in Ponteland such as the Airport Consultative Committee, Merton Hall and the Memorial Hall. The organisations are listed in Appendix C.

The Town Council holds a full meeting of Councillors on the second Wednesday of every month. Before the meeting starts there is a public question time where written questions are answered, hopefully satisfactorily. The public are welcome to attend meetings of the full Council, our Planning Committee and Cemetery Committee.

Quite often, residents ask for clarification on what is a Town Council responsibility and what is a County Council responsibility. It is worth noting that PTC is not responsible for things such as Highways, Schools, Health, Education and Social Services. These services plus many others are the responsibility of Northumberland County Council (NCC).

3.1.2 Website

The PTC duties are listed on our website and the address is: www.ponteland-tc.gov.uk
The site includes Councillors details, minutes and agenda, copies of Pont News and Views, a list of local organisations, budgetary details and news. There is also a contact page which is well used. Thanks go to Caroline Thompson for her work on updating the website.

3.2 Government Consultations and Legislation

Government continues to issue consultations and PTC replies to consultations. Examples at a Northumberland County level are our comprehensive responses to the Core Strategy and the Supplementary Planning Document. When consulted at a National and County level, PTC supported the prioritisation of developing brownfield sites.

3.3 Youth Work

Youth work continues in Ponteland.

3.4 Community Cleaning

The main responsibility for the general cleanliness of the Community (grass cutting, litter removal, graffiti removal, etc) lies with the County. However in order to augment this work PTC has spent over £16,000 on litter, dog waste collection and additional grass cuts from Northumberland County Council (NCC).

We have a good working relationship with the NCC Neighbourhood Services Team but litter is a recurring problem and we need help to reduce its impact. The assistance of several residents including Geoff Heslop in picking up litter is greatly appreciated. PTC has grown the number of litter pickers to around 12 and this helps to improve the quality of life in Ponteland. More volunteers are still welcome.

Some residents have taken the time to plant flowers and shrubs at corners and junctions. Our thanks go to those residents who have brightened up the landscape for the Community.

Fly Tipping is a problem and there is a contact on the NCC website home page - "Fly Tipping". Please report any dumping of bags, commercial waste or rubble to this website.

3.5 Community Halls

Village Halls provide cohesion to the community and there are a number of Community Halls such as Dalton and the Memorial Hall. PTC provides cash support to these two Halls and in addition, Councillor Butcher is on the Committee of the Memorial Hall.

Merton Hall is self financing and continues to grow its income. Trustees include Councillor Greenwell who is the Treasurer and Hall Manager, plus Councillors Rawlings and Mrs Thompson. Merton Hall has a Committee that runs day to day operations and the Hall has done well to grow its number of volunteers to over 50.

Ponteland also benefits from four self-funding Church halls - St Mary's, the URC, St Matthews and the Methodist Church.

3.6 Ponteland Park

Maintenance of the Park has continued to benefit from the help of the Friends of Ponteland Park (FOPP). The wet weather in the winter caused overflow of the river bank in the park. This necessitated expenditure of nearly £2000 to clear debris and restitution but the park is our major asset and continual investment is required to maintain this much loved facility.

3.7 Flood Resilience

Compared to some other parts of the country, Ponteland escaped the worst of flooding in 2015 / 16. PTC did however produce a flood resilience plan for possible future use and a leaflet on what to do in the event of a flood was produced and issued to residents. Thanks go to the volunteers including Councillor Shanley for producing the documents.

3.8 Environment Working Party (EWP)

The Environment Working Party is always busy trying to improve Ponteland's appearance. Great efforts are made with floral displays and the 2015 display was special leading to a Gold Award in Northumbria in Bloom – for the 3rd consecutive year. Thanks go to Councillor Joyce Butcher who co-ordinates the Council's entry and also to our contractors, Iain Clough, Mike Champion, Jim Scott and Derek Sherlock, our Town Clerk Kath Mavin and the Chair of the Working Party, Councillor Robin Ramsay for his inspections and photographs of our environment. Appendix E lists the various achievements of this Group in 2015-16.

3.9 Pont News & Views

Pont News and Views (PNV) is a popular read and it is self financing and distributed to all residents. We congratulate Chris Jennings, the Editor who runs PNV.

3.10 Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

This group has been meeting for 3 years and it continues to consult residents in order to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Ponteland. PTC thanks all the volunteers in the Steering Group including Alma Dunigan and Will Moses, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Group. Work is progressing and at some point a Plan will be ready for evaluation by an Independent Planning Inspector before a Ponteland Referendum is held on the Plan.

3.11 Grants

Each year PTC allocates a small amount of money to help local organisations in their work in Ponteland. Recipients of the grants include:

Ponteland Youth Service
Friends of Ponteland Park
Ponteland Memorial Hall
Dalton Village Hall
Community Action Northumberland
Holy Saviour Church, Milbourne
North East War Memorials Project
Party in the Park (run by Churches Together)
Rotary Club Duck Race
Rotary Club Christmas Market
Diamond Inn (contribution to New Year's Eve fireworks display)
Ponteland United Football club
Ponteland Rugby Club's Beer Festival
Tynedale Hospice at Home
Great North Air Ambulance

3.12 Play Areas

PTC is responsible for Play areas at Callerton Lane, Twizell Place and Guardians Court. The Skate Park opened in April 2014 and it is popular with many but not all residents. When closed for noise measurement work, a petition was signed by 400 people calling for the reopening of the facility. The skate park was reopened but a complaint to the NCC Public Protection Unit means that further noise survey work may be undertaken. The skate park is an example of how it is difficult to please all of the people all of the time.

3.13 Highways Working Party (HWP)

Poor road surfaces remain a main area of complaint by residents and the Highways Working Party continues to lobby NCC to implement measures to improve roads in Ponteland. The NCC Highways Department reports a shortage of cash and only part of Middle Drive was resurfaced in 2014. Further work was postponed in 2015 and it is now expected in 2016.

We continue to monitor traffic movement via the CCTV system which is used regularly by the police for crime prevention and detection. We also have Speed Indicator Signs to remind motorists that there is a speed limit on local roads. The HWP has increased the focus on reducing speeding in Ponteland through the installation of additional Speed Indicator Display Signs (SIDS).

Car parking is an issue of increasing concern in Ponteland. It is clear that additional building and development in the village area has not been matched by additional car parking provision. Furthermore, Ponteland's proximity to Newcastle Airport has led to some abuse of our free parking spaces. The HWP monitors abuse of parking in Ponteland and is liaising with NCC over enforcement.

The HWP is an active group and it benefits from the attendance of an NCC officer at meetings. Thanks are due to Councillor Christine Greenwell for chairing the HWP and to Jeanette Dodd, the Deputy Clerk for administering the work. Appendix F of this report lists the various achievements of the Working Party during 2015-16.

3.14 Planning Committee

The PTC Planning Committee meets every two weeks. The number of planning applications that the Town Council is consulted on is increasing as the amount of development in Ponteland grows. Ponteland has a high number of planning applications averaging 195 p.a. over 5 years. Our Planning Committee examines each application seriously, only making objections with material planning considerations. Over the last five years, PTC's objection rate is 7%.

YEAR	APPLICATIONS CONSULTED	OBJECTIONS BY PTC	REFUSED BY NCC
2011	183	16	5
2012	194	9	3
2013	185	12	6
2014	205	21	5
2015	210	10	3
AVERAGE PER YEAR	195	14 (7% of applications)	4 (2% of applications)

In reply to residents who ask about the planning procedure, it should be noted that Ponteland Town Council is a Planning **Consultee** and it is not the Planning Authority. PTC does not make the planning decision. PTC observes, comments and sometimes objects but NCC decides.

NCC had been criticised for slow decision making on planning and the procedure was changed in 2015. NCC are currently consulting on whether the new system has improved decision making on planning.

3.15 Development in Ponteland

Development is a concern for many residents who feel that protection of the Green Belt is a very important issue. This is demonstrated by the number of signs in Ponteland. Residents continue to reply to NCC consultations in large numbers and Green Belt protection features strongly in public meetings and submissions. In November 2015, over 700 residents attended the NCC event in the Memorial Hall to make their views known about NCC proposals to build a community campus near Dobbie's roundabout and housing along Callerton Lane. The overwhelming majority of attendees were scathing in their criticism of NCC's plans and NCC was asked to reconsider their proposals.

At the time of writing, NCC are proposing a different location for a schools campus. NCC is also consulting on a change from 3 tiers to 2 tiers of Ponteland schools that would lead to closure of Ponteland Middle School which is rated as outstanding by OFSTED.

Ponteland is a popular area with developers. NCC approved 263 houses for the former Police HQ site although outline planning could increase the number on the site to around 300.

PTC and NCC both objected to a developer's proposal to build up to 280 houses at Birney Hill. The developer appealed against the NCC decision and it went to a Public Enquiry in 2015. The decision from the DCLG was to refuse the appeal.

At the time of writing, 545 additional dwellings (including the Police HQ site) have already been built or approved to be built in the Town Council area since April 2011. Applications for another 23 dwellings are in the pipeline.

The Town Council is still of the view that Ponteland's infrastructure has not kept pace with the growth in housing numbers. Despite the Town Council's submissions, NCC increased the target numbers of additional dwellings for Ponteland in their last consultation on the Core Strategy from 640 to 900. The Core Strategy is dated from 2011 – 2031 but it remains unfinished and is a big concern to Ponteland people.

The PTC Planning Chairman, Councillor Elizabeth Thompson, the Assistant Clerk Christine Holleyman and the rest of the Committee are to be congratulated on their dedication in reviewing the increasing number of planning applications.

3.16 Redevelopment of Merton Way

There is no news on the regeneration of Merton Way and it is disappointing to report that no progress has been made since last year. The area is believed to be under consideration by ARCH, the development company of NCC.

3.17 Ponteland Library

NCC have announced plans to move the library from its current site off Thornhill Road to a temporary site within the Leisure Centre on Callerton Lane in April 2016. NCC say this is to save money but the proposal has met with widespread criticism from the local community. PTC has asked NCC if a library could be retained on the current site and if offices could be built for PTC to rent from NCC. At the time of writing, PTC is awaiting news from NCC.

3.18 Meritorious Service Award

The effort required to make Ponteland a success cannot be achieved by the Council alone. PTC thanks all those residents who put in time as individuals or through organisations to enrich the quality of life in Ponteland. Each year a meritorious service award is made. In the Council office, there is a board that lists the recipients of the Council's Meritorious Service Award and it

is time to add a new name or for this year, two names.

3.18.1 Val and Peter Riley

This year the Council's Meritorious Award goes to Mr and Mrs Riley, Val and Peter, for their sterling work as volunteers in Merton Hall. Val and Peter have worked in the hall for some years on tasks such as the volunteer rota, functions, book service and general handyman assistance on items such as tables and chairs. Val and Peter are well regarded by the team of volunteers, they communicate well and work hard to keep Merton Hall a safe and pleasant place to visit. It therefore gives the Town Council great pleasure in presenting this small token of appreciation to Val and Peter Riley.

3.19 Bus Service

PTC recently supported the reintroduction of a night time bus service to Ponteland at the weekend. We are doing this in conjunction with Stamfordham and Matfen Parish Councils. This financial support is however limited to one year at which point the subject will be reviewed. The old adage of "use it or lose it" applies in bus services.

4. The Budget

PTC works hard to minimise the increase in local precept. The percentage increases in the last five years have been limited to: 2.9%, 3.0%, 2.8%, 2.0% and 2%. These low percentages have been achieved despite some responsibilities such as cemeteries and toilets being transferred from the County to the Town Council.

For a band E household, the PTC part of the precept has moved from £77.21 to £85.09 – an increase of only £7.88 over five years and we believe this demonstrates our aim of delivering value for money services.

The budget precept for 2015/16 was £368,828 and in 2016/17 it will be £380,587
Details of the precept breakdown are included in Appendix D.

5. PRESTWICK CEMETERY

The running of Prestwick Cemetery became PTC's responsibility in 2013. PTC pays NCC a service level agreement for some work in the Cemetery but in addition, certain activities such as hedge cutting and minor improvements are carried out by PTC. Since PTC took over responsibility we have had some good reports from residents and we monitor the service and pricing offered by other authorities. One issue of concern however is that the amount of burial space is finite and there is a need to acquire additional land in the near future.

6. EVENTS

There have been a number of memorable events during the year and these ranged from debates with High School students through prize giving events for gardeners and army cadets to fund raising concerts.

It is evident that Ponteland people are turning out for events and in record numbers too.

- On New Year's Eve, fireworks in the village display pulled in the numbers and on 1 January, Ponteland's annual wheelbarrow race was witnessed by a large crowd and the winner's name was added to the Display Board in the Council office.

- In April, the Beer Festival attracted around 2000 people – double the first year.
- Record attendances were reported for Party in the Park and Music in the Park in June and at the Rotary’s Duck Race in August.
- This was followed in November by a Remembrance service and refreshments in the Memorial Hall for around 500 attendees.
- And also in November, over 700 people attended NCC’s drop in session on the Plans for Ponteland – and they spoke up showing how important the subject is locally.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 Future Uncertainty

Looking ahead, there a number of issues for PTC and Ponteland residents to monitor in the coming months:

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- NCC’s Library
- NCC’s Core Strategy and plan for Ponteland
- Feedback on Neighbourhood Plan preferences
- The consultation on school tiers and location
- The amount of space in the cemetery

7.2 Complaints and Support

There are a number of issues that recur as complaints. We ask local residents for their continued support please in avoiding:

- litter, speeding, inconsiderate parking, parking on verges and pavements and unauthorised overnight parking

and we thank and ask for the continued support of residents please in promoting:

- greenery in frontages and hedges and colours in borders

7.3 Thanks

In summary, what we achieve is the result of work by all Councillors, particularly those who chair a committee or working group and I would like to thank all our unpaid, volunteer Councillors. It is a 4 years appointment and at times not for the faint hearted, so I do thank you all.

A big acknowledgement must go to our dedicated office staff, namely, Kath Mavin our Town Clerk, Jeanette Dodd, our Deputy Town Clerk, Christine Holleyman, the Assistant Clerk and Caroline Thompson our Administrative Assistant.

Last but not least are our Contractors, Iain Clough, Michael Champion, Jim Scott and Derek Sherlock whose work is appreciated by everyone in Ponteland. We are often told by residents how nice the displays look.

I speak for all the Councillors when I say a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone for all your hard work and dedication.

APPENDIX A PONTELAND TOWN COUNCILLORS and STAFF

TOWN COUNCILLORS

South Ward

Councillor Carl Rawlings (Mayor)
Councillor Robin Ramsay
Councillor Peter Cowey

North Ward

Councillor Richard Dodd
Councillor Christine Greenwell
Councillor Adam Shanley

East Ward

Councillor Sue Johnson
Councillor Christine Caisley
Councillor Lesley Noble

West Ward

Councillor Liz Thompson
Councillor Joyce Butcher (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Alan Varley

STAFF

Clerk to the Council

Kathleen Mavin

Deputy Clerk

Jeanette Dodd

Assistant Clerk

Christine Holleyman

Administrative Assistant

Caroline Thompson

APPENDIX B PTC COMMITTEES / WORKING PARTIES

ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY (Monthly)

Councillor R Ramsay (Chair)

Councillor J Butcher

Councillor C Greenwell

Councillor C Caisley

Councillor S Johnson

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE (Monthly)

Councillor C Greenwell (Chair)

Councillor R G Ramsay

Councillor R Dodd

Councillor L Noble

Councillor A Varley

PLANNING COMMITTEE (Fortnightly)

Councillor E Thompson (Chair)

Councillor L Noble

Councillor S Johnson

Councillor A Varley

Councillor C Greenwell

ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (Ad-hoc)

Councillor C Rawlings

Councillor J Butcher

Councillor P Cowey

Councillor R Dodd

Councillor C Greenwell

Councillor S Johnson

Councillor R Ramsay

Councillor E Thompson

MUSIC IN THE PARK WORKING PARTY (Ad-hoc)

Councillor R Ramsay (Chair)

Councillor C Rawlings

Councillor Mrs J Butcher

Town Clerk K Mavin

Members of Rotary and Lions

PRESTWICK CEMETERY COMMITTEE (Ad-hoc)

Councillor C Rawlings (Chair)

Councillor P Cowey

Councillor R Ramsay

Councillor C Greenwell

Councillor C Caisley

APPENDIX B PTC COMMITTEES / WORKING PARTIES Continued

Footpath Users Group

Councillor R G Ramsay (Chair)
Mr Alan Mitcham
Mr Christopher Winks
Mr Alan Varley
Mrs Katherine Guellard
Mrs Julie Tuck
Mr Malcolm McKenzie
Mrs Sue Johnson
Mr Peter Simpson
Mr Derek Deans
Mrs Fiona Price
Mr John Colin Braithwaite
Mr Peter Bailey
Ms Juliet Phipps
Mr David Gambles DHEC
Mr Tim Fish

Bus Users Group

Mr David Gambles Ponteland resident and bus user
Mr Ian Coe Transport Support Manager NCC
Mr Robin Knight Commercial Director (Stagecoach Buses)
Mr Malcolm Bell (Stagecoach Buses)
Councillor Robin Ramsay

Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Mrs Alma Dunigan (Chair)
Mr Will Moses (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Carl Rawlings
Councillor Robin Ramsay
Councillor Peter Cowey
Mr Chris Winks
Mr Chris Brummitt
Mr Andrew Tucker
Mrs Veronica Jones
Mr Peter Jackson

APPENDIX C PTC REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Merton Hall Recreation Centre Trustees

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell (Treasurer)
Councillor Carl Rawlings (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Mrs E Thompson

Ponteland Memorial Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs. J Butcher

Richard Coates Education Foundation

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell

Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Mrs. J Butcher

Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Councillor C Rawlings

Northumberland County Council Parish Liaison Group

Councillor C Rawlings
Town Clerk K Mavin

Ponteland Community Partnership

Councillor R G Ramsay
Councillor C Rawlings

Pont News and Views Editorial Group

Councillor R G Ramsay
Town Clerk K Mavin

Friends of Ponteland Park

Councillor Mrs J Butcher

Local Multi Agency Problem Solving

Councillor R Dodd
Note - Any Councillor may attend (LMAPS)

Fairtrade Working Party

Councillor Mrs L Noble

Leisure Centre Users Group

Councillor Mrs C Caisley
Councillor R Dodd
Councillor Mrs S Johnson

Ponteland Youth Strategy Group

Councillor Mrs S Johnson

Ageing Well Group

Councillor Mrs C Greenwell

APPENDIX C PTC REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS Continued

Ponteland Community Trust

Councillor P Cowey

Councillor L Noble

APPENDIX D – PTC BUDGET

ACTIVITY	2015-16 Budget £	2016-17 Budget £
Highways	34,339	33,090
Environment	55,975	61,805
Park	26,480	29,470
Play Areas	11,644	15,260
Cemetery	30,000	11,870
Village Halls	10,998	11,000
Grants	51,300	52,800
Public Offices	23,468	24,000
General Administration	119,638	122,520
Other Expenditure (see note 1)	81,911	82,891
Total	445,753	445,706
Precept	368,828	380,587
Precept Increase		(2% on band d property

Note – For the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 other expenditure includes items such as Remembrance Day Service, Music in the Park, Neighbourhood plan, projects, Queen’s 90th Birthday celebrations (2016), contingencies and a sum for capital asset replacement.