

TNews 2022 Annual Parish Meeting Report

By Nick Percival – TNews Editor – 12 May 2022

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) graciously provided TNews Editor with an £800 donation to TNews for the April 21- March 22 year made up of a previously carried forward surplus of £354.06 and a cheque amounting to £445.94 for the balancing amount.

Due to the Covid outbreak only 5 (rather than 6) issues were produced in the 2021-22 year but it is hoped that the normal 6 issues will be resumed this year.

Finances

Total expenditure in the period was £728 so we have c.£72 to carry forward to 2022-23.

Printing costs have risen significantly over the past 12 months – a 20-page issue now costs c.£150 cf £115 less than a yr ago (a 28% increase). Accordingly budgeted printing costs to maintain 6 20-page issues in 2022-23 will amount to at least **£900** (a c.£200 increase).

On a more positive note, we have also received £140 of advertising income over the 2021-22 period, resulting in **an overall surplus of £211.51 which will be carried forward into 2022-23.**

Budget 2022-23

As long as printing costs do not rise further, budgeted expenditure will be almost exactly £1,000.

Against this, we already have £120 of advertising income for the 22-23 year from annual contracts and a balance of £211.51 to be carried forward from 2021-22. So, (further additional printing costs notwithstanding) the additional amount that is required to fund TNews for 22-23 is £670.49.

Hopefully we will be able to attract further advertising this year – a further 5 annual half page ads would result in £200 of additional income.....

Funding for 2022-23

TPC has recently agreed to make a donation of up to £670.49 for the 2022-23 year in addition to the £211.51 rolled over from the 2021-22 year. TPC has also agreed to put a plan in place to increase advertising revenue to cover anticipated 2022-23 costs and any further increased printing costs, avoiding the need to reduce the number of editions.