

Hough on the Hill Parish Council – Annual Report - March 2017

The Parish Council currently has three councillors from Hough on the Hill, two from Gelston and one from Brandon; leaving one vacancy.

The old plastic Parish Council noticeboards in all three villages have recently been replaced with glass-fronted hardwood cabinets, hand-made by John Lord.

A contract has finally been let by Lincolnshire County Council to provide high-speed broadband to Brandon village, but the land-line installation may not be complete until early 2019. In the meantime, wireless broadband is available throughout the parish and an extra transmitter is being installed in Brandon.

The Parish continues to pay for grass cutting and other grounds maintenance in the public areas of the villages, including the playing field at Hough. Thanks to the efforts of Marilyn Taylor, a Multi-Use Games Area has now been installed on the playing field, using the grants listed in last year's report. The playing field was also used for the village fete last July and it is hoped to repeat the event this year.

The Parish Council continues to press for a speed limit on the main road through Brandon, but the review has been held up by County Council spending limits. The retrospective planning application for bulk straw storage on Fulbeck Airfield was approved, subject to conditions; but the application for a wind farm on the same site remains undetermined.

The last Parish Council newsletter was Spring 2016, but the Council website has been updated and (independently) a Facebook page is being set up for the villages. In the meantime, the new noticeboards will be used to keep parishioners informed.