

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR
STRONGER COMMUNITIES**
Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman
Jonathan Owen, chief executive

**NALC MAKING LOCAL ECONOMIC
GROWTH WORK**
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TO OUR READERS,—

THE Local Government Act of 1894 may fairly be regarded as a measure of epoch-making importance, inasmuch as it introduces into the problems of social politics new factors, whose ultimate influence and tendency can as yet be only very imperfectly foreseen. The re-organisation throughout England and Wales of the public life of our rural communities on a new and frankly democratic basis is a step which must needs be regarded as one of the first moment, entailing consequences which must largely help to mould the future destinies of the country. In short, it is recognised by all who have seriously considered the question, that the Act marks the opening of a new and momentous era in the social history of England, and embodies the germs of future developments which may prove of enormous import to the welfare of the people. On the eve, therefore, of the application of a legislative enactment so complex in detail, fraught with such possibilities, both of good and evil, no apology should

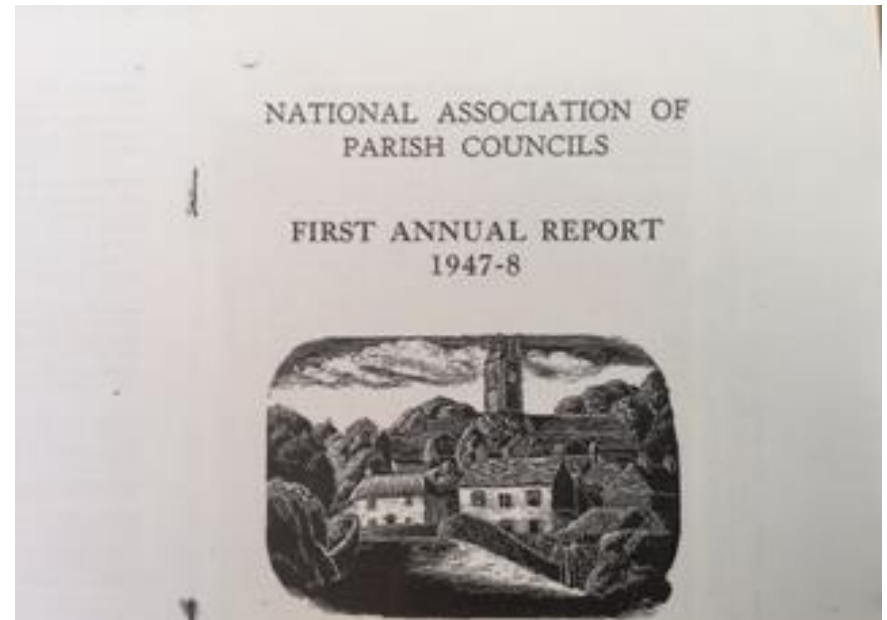
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250 YEARS STRONG!

- 123 years since the birth of parish councils – constantly evolving
- 70 years of support from county associations and NALC helping local councils support their communities
- It's the future that counts



RT HON SAJID JAVID MP
SECRETARY OF STATE DCLG

"You play a hugely important role in our democracy and local decision-making, if I look back at the Prime Minister's speech ... about Global Britain, it's something that ought to be recognised that Global Britain must be made from strong foundations and I think our parish and town councils are a key part of that."

Sajid Javid at NALC Annual Conference

He talked about

The growing role, profile and importance of the sector's

In robust health and ambitious for the future

Massive role in housing - esp through NP

Parishes involved in econ dev through BIDS

Health and wellbeing, taking pressure of NHS

He urged us to think big and innovate

No intention to impose referendum principles this year

Be transparent and open

Never been more important

Little things make big things happen

NALC/LGC surveys for LGA conferences 2016 and 2017

- 2016 research 70% said they wanted to deliver new services
- 12% involved in economic growth. 20% want to
- 2017 research shows double devolution on the rise
- 70% identified at least one service they'd like to run
- 14% now delivering economic growth
- 48% have taken over some form of public realm maintenance
- 24% would like to get more involved in housing and planning



LOCAL COUNCIL ROLE IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- NALC survey: 15% said they provided H&W services, 15% wanted to.
- West Sussex ALC survey: 64% grant funding H&W groups
- 24% providing facilities to health services
- 44% of clerks said their councils would like to do more.

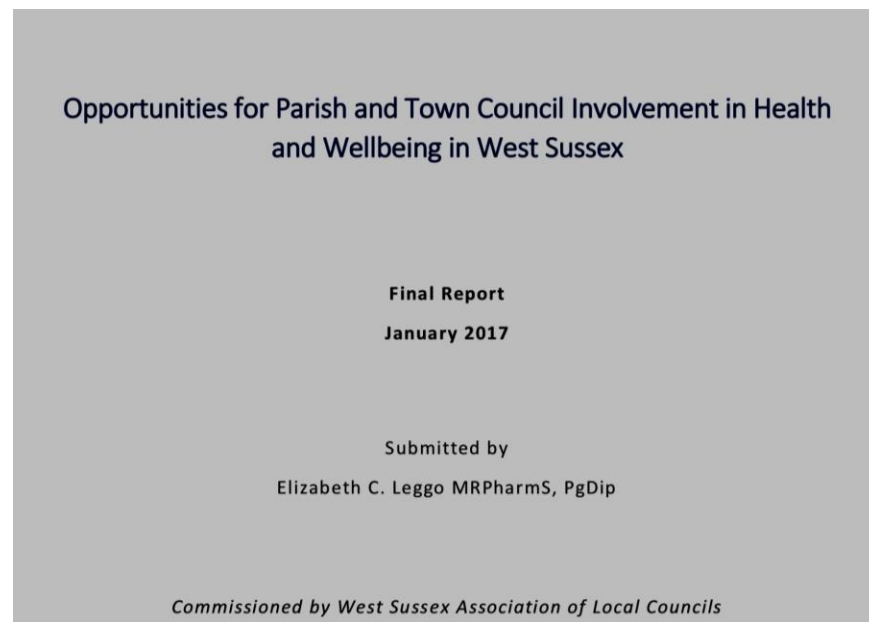


Figure 17. Annual budget for some of the services provided by Forest Row for the year 2015-16

Service	Budgeted income from subs & sales	Equipment, food & other running costs	Budgeted expenditure – salary of CSO	Budgeted expenditure – salary of other staff
Seniors Club	£550	£750	£1,220	-
Luncheon Club & Home Meal Delivery	£17,000	£12,000	£2,440	£6,900
Hearing Bus	-	-	-	-
Medical Cars	-	-	-	-
Total	£17,550	£12,750	£3,660	£6,900

The net subsidy given by Forest Row equates to under 2% of the parish population

HEALTH AND WELLBEING - OTHER EXAMPLES

West Sussex: wellbeing hub venues, friendship groups, hearing bus, dental facilities

Oswestry: health forum

Dunstable: men in sheds

Ivybridge: social prescribing

Sprowston: health fair

Whitwick and Yate: outdoor fitness centres

Defribillators

Bishop Auckland: first dementia friendly town in Durham

Yealm: dementia friendly parishes partnership

NALC: signing strategic commitment with Alzheimer's Society's Angela Rippon tomorrow!

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline with steep cliffs and a sandy beach. A red rectangular box is positioned in the top right corner, containing the 'nalc' logo and its full name.

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**A PROSPECTUS FOR ULTRA-LOCALISM:
WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT TO
HELP COMMUNITIES HELP THEMSELVES**

A PROSPECTUS FOR ULTRA-LOCALISM: HELPING COMMUNITIES HELP THEMSELVES

- Why parishes are important and what our sector can offer government to help deliver social cohesion and the services that our communities need, want and deserve
- How the Government and Parliament can work with us to support local councils and help communities to help themselves.
- But also what do we need to do to step up and ensure that we can deliver on our promises

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OUR OFFER

- Provide democratic local leadership that is accountable, open and transparent and builds community cohesion and resilience
- Being fiscally responsible by engaging and communicating with residents and businesses about the precept and priorities
- Work in partnership with principal councils, businesses, local groups and others to improve quality of life and well being
- Plan for the future by protecting and enhancing local assets and services, place shaping to meet housing and other development needs

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Our Asks

Empower communities with more effective powers to tackle local issues, have a greater say over decisions that affect them and the creation of more parishes

Build the capacity of local councils through training and development, an effective regime for serving councillors and encourage more and diverse people to become councillors

More devolution to local councils, strengthen relationships and engagement between councils at all levels and improve links at the sub-regional level

Flexible and diverse funding framework through not extending council tax referendums, reform of non-domestic rates and increase income from other sources

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SOME THOUGHTS FOR US TO CONSIDER

Ensure we are well run, efficient and effective, driving up standards of practice and behaviour and learning from others,

- Engage, engage, engage with our communities
- Train, train, train our councillors and clerks
- Share, share, share good practice
- Learn, learn, learn from others
- Keep talking to our principal councils
- Look for different sources of funding
- Don't be afraid, be confident
- The future is ours!

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Current hot-topics!

- Local Government Finance -Referenda principles
- £5m Transparency fund – helping smaller councils
- New annual return
- Devolution
- Encourage councils to access website
- Promote best practice – star councils and council spotlight
- Support councillors in their role as employers
- Increase membership – let us know if there are any councils you would like us to work with
- Communicate what we do together and what councils do
- Build relations with your MPs, Peers etc
- Data Protection regulations
- Public sector pay cap and discussions with ALCC/SLCC re new model contract

THANK YOU

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