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Coming to the end of 2017, in this new edition of our Bulletin we bring you the most important Municipal news so that all Sella citizens can be informed of your Town Hall's activities.

Destruction occasioned by the 2017 storms

The Alicante Diputacion (County Council) has given the go-ahead to “ Project to upgrade the Benimantell rad” which will involve repairing the road between Sella and Benimantell. We are told that the project is currently under study but we have not been told when the work might commence. Hopefully this will be soon and there will be no serious delay as the road is in a serious state of disrepair.

In spite of this, the Town Hall recently sent a lorry and a machine to continue the work of cleaning out the gullies and drains as well as clearing scrub from some areas. Work has been done on paths in l'Arc and also l'Ombria.

Along the Alcantera path we have also funded work to upgrade the main drainage channel at the Horta Lluny.– it's collapse was threatening the stability of the road. The second phase of repairs to the road, just before the Alcantara bridge, is due to begin in January.

The path down the Altura was also seriously damaged. Technically and economically full repairs would be very difficult and extensive so we are having to plan repairs to the most seriously damaged sections. Work is due to begin early in the New Year.

The one rebuilding job which has been completely finished – with the help of the Diputación – has been that of the Ermita, both the collapsed external wall and damage to the path up past the Stations of the Cross. Where there were landslips of various degrees of severity. Fortunately all was ready for the Santa Bàrbera Fiestas;

Employment

The Town Hall has been able to fund three posts within the SERVEF scheme in co-ordination with the National Guarantee System for people below the age of 30. We have two contracts for maintenance workers and one administrative post.

We have also got two posts through the ENCORP programme and there may shortly be further opportunities for the EPAMER programme, all of this administered by SERVEF.

Ongoing Building projects

The reconstruction of the swimming pool and changing rooms continues. The work consists in replacing the whole system of pipes and machinery as well as providing a waterproof seal to the pool and the terrace so that the serious leaks of water which occurred previously can be avoided. The whole area was in a poor state of repair owing to the passage of time and years of accumulated damp – after the work is all finished the pool will be left as if it was newly built.

Work has also begun to improve the Les Saleres Trinquet where the interior has been painted and access improved, adapted now for those with limited mobility. The rubble which had been left by previous building work has been removed.

The project to clear part of the vegetation from the river bank will begin shortly. We'll start with the section between the bridge and the Font Major. The scheme has the blessing of the Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar and will be undertaken by a specialist company. In September work was completed on the Costereta del Cor, Om street, Sant Antoni and the Plaça l'Era. At the same time we were able to finish a short section of Sant Xotxim street which needed doing as well as resurfacing a small area of the Plaza and improving the area around the trees there. The work went on for several months and we'd like to express our gratitude to residents for their understanding and patience.

News

A grant has been approved to provide a specialised surface of the school sports area / playground adequate for sporting activities. We'll take advantage of the project to improve the surfaces across the whole school area. We hope that the paperwork and the works themselves, all being handled by the Diputación, will not take too long.

In the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Town Council of the 4th December, the budgets for the year 2018 amounting to some 503,000 euros, were approved unanimously. This is just a 2.03% increase on 2017, as the spending rules of the Ministry of Hacienda (Spanish Exchequer) don't allow spending to increase and thus we are not allowed to make use of our savings. This is really unfair on small communities like Sella where, apart from anything else, we have no outstanding debts and every year return a surplus.

In November we opened the Library to the public and from now on it will carry the name of José Ibañez Cerdà, the national and international librarian born here in the village. The library will be open from 17:00 to 19:00 on Mondays and Thursdays. There are computer and WiFi resources available. We wish to express our gratitude to the team of volunteers who helped with classifying the books and renovating the premises.

Having been acclaimed as world champions in the international Pilota tournament held in Colombia, team captain Pablo Nadal was given a formal reception in the Town Hall attended by councillors, friends and family. He has been entered in the Golden Book of Sella for his outstanding achievements. Congratulations to *Pablo de Sella!*

On the 16th December the Mayoress will attend the demonstration in Guadalest being held to protest against some of the measures adopted to deal with the outbreak of Xylella Fastidiosa, affecting citrus and Almond trees. We are very watchful to see any further outbreaks of this disease.

A Plaza for Everyone

During November and December a citizens' participation programme was conducted aimed at establishing what improvements could be carried out in our Plaza Mayor. Those taking part highlighted the need to regulate traffic and parking as well as the aim of making noise and disruption generated by the Fiesta compatible with the tranquillity necessary for those who live in the Plaza. There were several other suggestions to improve the area. You can see the full results of the consultation on the Town Hall website, www.sella.es. Thanks to all who took part and shared their opinions.

**The Town Hall wishes you all
a Happy Festive Season and a 2018
Full of health and progress!**

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