

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I would like to thank my fellow Council members for their tireless commitment to the village and to the Clerk for her continued efforts.

The 2017/2018 financial year has probably been the most productive year to date in terms of Parish Council financial activity. It has taken the current Council a number of years to boost reserves to a point where such spending is possible.

Bespoke fridge magnets have been distributed to make the community aware of what to do in the event of cardiac arrest, 30mph wheelie bin stickers have been provided and a Speed Indicator Device has been purchased and installed to help to try to tackle the continued problem of speeding through the village.

The Parish Council with the assistance of volunteers continue to put on community litter pick and clean up events and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered in the past events.

It has been a difficult year in terms of Area Highways, the Department itself has seen some major re-structuring but the Parish Council has re-established connection and hopes to address some of the pressing issues.

In terms of finances, the Parish Council under-spent against the budget and received more income than estimated. At year end the Parish Council had £5902.56. I can confirm that the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 2017/2018 have been completed by the Clerk. The accounts are in order, the Annual Return has been completed, the Internal Audit is due to take place this week and the accounts will be sent for external audit with a deadline of 11 June.

In terms of the upcoming year, the Parish Council plan to meet with Rowan Smith, the Area Highways Manager and County Councillor Martin Hill in an attempt to address some of our outstanding highways issues which has been raised time and time again. We hope to install planters at the entrances to our village and a new noticeboard. We will certainly be looking for volunteers to maintain the planters once they have been installed. We welcome any other suggestions you may have.