



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Since the last report, we have welcomed Danny O'Brien and Donna Thompson as Parish Councillors, and we look forward to benefiting from their knowledge and expertise.

Key highlights of 2020

Community plan: The Parish Council has submitted an emergency plan to CBC, hopefully we won't have to use it but the Anglian water crisis before Christmas and the current pandemic it's prudent to ensure both the Parish Council and CBC have continuity plans in place. It was reassuring to see how the village rallied together to check on vulnerable neighbours when the water was cut off.

Cemetery: The Community Payback team continues its great work in the Cemetery and the results are evident. The grounds are looking well-kept with a maintenance schedule that is now running smoothly. The cemetery is a real asset to the village and something we can all be proud of. Fr. Noel is going to arrange a service in early Summer to bless the graves.

Sports and Recreation: We now have a smart new building at Bryants Lane provided by LB Silica Sands. This has been rented out to Glen Tritton, a villager, as a gym and means that the village can continue to support the Heath and Reach Boxing Club whilst continuing to provide a useful income for the village. The trim trail continues to be well used and the grounds and courts are being used regularly by Woburn and Wavendon FC, and Heath and Reach Football club.

Quarries: The Parish Council continues to work with quarry operators along with our standing role of ensuring - alongside Central Bedfordshire Council - that operators keep to their planning schedules. This is a watching brief for the Parish Council, and we will keep attending liaison/operator meetings and monitoring any variations in planning conditions.

Speed Watch: This voluntary scheme has been revived thanks to Councillor Boyden. If you would like to volunteer for training, please let the Clerk know.



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Traffic Calming: Discussion have been ongoing for some years and with the data from the speed indicator devices CBC now recognise the problem and have agreed to consult the village this year with work programmed for 2020/21.

Village Maintenance: As ever, this continues on a rolling programme. If there are particular jobs that need attention, please could you let the clerk know so that they can be added to Tony Markland's list.

Finances: Subject to audit, the Parish Council has again kept within budget and has only had to increase the precept by a nominal 2%. We are always conscious this is villagers' money, and we make every pound work as hard as possible.

Finally, thanks to my fellow councillors and the Clerk for their efforts over the last twelve months. Your time and sometimes unsung efforts really do make this a village people want to live in.

Richard Thyer
Chairman