

Thank you to Sue, Reg, Scilla and Nick for their time and efforts and for remaining part of the Parish Council.

Guy has stepped down for personal reasons, I would like to thank him for all he's done during his time as a councillor particularly in relation to the playing field.

Following Anne's move away last year and Guy stepping down we found ourselves with 2 vacancies on the Council. We all lead busy lives, as a result it has not been easy to fill those spaces. However, I'm very pleased to announce that Alan Stone and Natasha Jones have agreed to join us.

Looking back over the last year.....

we've continued our work on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Following a presentation of the draft to CDC we were advised to carry out further work on the Green Gap Policy. Having obtained quotes from several landscape architects Portus and Whitton were appointed to carry out this work, more on this later. A huge thank you to those working on the NDP, Tony as Chairman, Alan, Anne, Reg and Sue. It's also important to recognise that we wouldn't be at this stage without a lot of work from both Andrea and Caroline, thank you.

The defibrillator is available to all, hopefully it won't be needed. Thank you to Chris and her team for maintaining it. I know the light was replaced recently along with all the regular checks. Following the presentation last year on how to use the defibrillator the Parish Council has organised a first aid course. This will take place on Saturday 7th June. There are a couple of places left, please let myself or Caroline know if you'd like to be included.

Litter pick...this was a great success particularly because so many people turned out to help, thank you.

Dot...what can I say? She puts the newsletter together each month, forwards Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch emails and all this whether at home or on holiday.

The past year hasn't been easy as she's also had to get to grips with the new data protection legislation. Thank you doesn't really seem enough.

Village hall....unfortunately following Anne's move we haven't had a representative on their committee. Chris is keeping us up to date and I will attend meetings where I can.

They do a fantastic job, always looking for new ways to bring the village together. There is now a coffee morning with book swap on the first Friday of each month.

Playing field....we continue to make sure the playing field and equipment are kept in good order, carrying out monthly checks. We are currently looking to reseed as the condition of the grass has suffered from last years long dry summer.

Solar farm.....we await a planning application which we understand will be approximately half of the original site and the panels will vary slightly as technology has moved on since the original application over 3 years ago.

Traffic speed....we are aware that speed of traffic through the village remains a problem for many. Caroline has spoken at length to the clerk of South Cerney and Siddington Parish Councils who are looking to install cameras. As this is a very expensive and complicated project we propose following their journey to installation and subsequent results to see if this is an option we should consider.

If you do see a repeat offender please obtain the vehicle registration and let the police know.

Toll bar crossing....I'm afraid I don't have good news, sadly the facts remain that not enough people use it and there are no accident statistics. However, we do where possible highlight the problem, most recently in our response to a planning application.

Thank you Caroline.