

Flintham Parish Council

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019

We have had continued support from Councillor Sarah Bailey of Rushcliffe Borough Council and Councillor Francis Purdue Horan of Nottinghamshire County Council. Each has attended our Parish Council meetings when they have been able to and both have helped our parish wherever possible.

Councillor Ken Russell continues to be a member of the NHS Health Care Trust. However, Ken has decided he will stand down as a councillor and I would like to thank him for his work and support over many years as vice-chairman and on many and various issues including road and traffic issues and delivering the village newsletters.

Councillors Sue Clayton and Debra Pennington and their committee members ran a well attended September Fest again thanks to the original grant received by the parish council to bring communities together. Both councillors attended forums at the Borough Council offices on our behalf and they are proposing that we look into the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan. An open meeting to look into this will take place on 5th June in the Sports Pavilion addressed by Jenny Kirkwood of RCAN. I hope as many people as possible will attend to look into this possibility.

Councillor Paul Brooks continued to make a comprehensive monthly report on both playparks and to order any defective parts where required, also dealing with the distribution of newsletters on Coney Grey. Unfortunately Paul has also decided to stand down because of poor eyesight. My thanks to Paul for his work also.

Councillor Scott Miller has volunteered to take over the inspection of the playparks, Scott also helped with the September Fest and he is a member of the village choir, also created with the aim of bringing people together.

A flashing speed sign has been installed on Inholms Road opposite the cemetery and after over forty years of trying the 30mph signs have been re-sited on Town end Lane before the start of the built up area of the village. The chevron signs on the Mowbray corner have had new posts fitted.

The Council has purchased a Red Ensign Flag and will fly it on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September, in recognition of the Merchant navy bringing in 95% of our imports and taking out 75% of our exports.

The exchange land between the Parish Council and the Madni Trust (owners of the old Islamic school site on Inholms Road) is, I hope, getting a little nearer completion. The exchange of land was caused by the building of the A46 dual carriage when land was taken from the Sports Ground.

The boundary dispute between the Parish Council and the Madni trust continues and the old school site has still not been cleared due to procedural problems.

Final Payments from Highways England are still due to the Parish Council, in particular regarding the removal of the hedge and planting a new one in a new position along the Sports Ground on Inholms Road.

Fortunately none of the defibrillators have had to be used, let us hope that continues to be the case. Thanks to Janette Everington and Terry Worthington for continuing to check them for us on a regular basis.

Ulyatts again won the contract for maintenance of the Parish Council owned areas throughout the village and continue to do an excellent job. The cricket Club however do 90% of the maintenance work on the Sports ground and have this year been mowing an area near the playpark for the children to play football. The grass area on Coney Grey Spinney, the Green on Inholms Gardens and the Sports ground have covenants on them to prevent building.

Many people have taken advantage now we have fibre optic broadband in the village. Thanks to Sir Robert Hildyard and Openreach for removing the telegraph poles on Spring Lane and putting the service underground.

Parking at the village school continues to be a problem, the police and headmaster are still trying to address this along with Nottinghamshire County Council. Parking on the footpath by the cemetery is not acceptable and Notts County Council has said cameras will be used to take action.

The village website has been updated and is now easier to navigate, it is now live at www.flinthamvillage.org.uk

I continue to represent the Council at the regular meetings of the Police Priority Settings meetings held alternatively in Bingham and Radcliffe. Local issues on crime and the prevention of crime are discussed and priorities set for the coming three months. I have also spent a lot of time consulting with Richard Scriven of Fisher German, our land agents and Ross Pierrepont of Tallents Solicitors regarding the Highways issues and the ongoing issues with the Madni Trust. Also I have attended a number of meetings at Rushcliffe Borough Council offices and meetings with officials from Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council regarding the repositioning of the dyke and hedge along the Sports Ground on Inholms Road.

My thanks are due to –

Councillors Sarah Bailey and Francis Purdue-Horan for their support at meetings.

The Scout Group for the litter picking which helped the Parish council to be a runner-up in the Best Kept Village competition. The Group continue to litter pick along with a group headed by Sue Daly. Thanks to all involved. The Council are again entering the Best Kept Village competition this year.

Amanda Crawford for forming and running the village choir.

Paul Carrington and his family for mowing around the Pinfold and seat at Town End Lane.

Gordon Smith for mowing around the seat on Spring Lane.

Jezz for all his work in and around the bus stop on Coney Grey .

Chris, John, Cathy, Jenny, Paul, Debra, Jenny and Jackie for delivering newsletters.

Gill Cartledge for dealing with Cemetery paperwork.

Officials and everyone connected to the many village organisations not previously mentioned and who help make village life.

To my fellow councillors ,Sue, Debra, Ken, Paul and Scott for their work during the year.

And finally, once again to Mike Elliott for his professional advice at meetings and continued support. Mike has again had a difficult year as he has had,

among many other things, the parish elections to contend with for his many parish councils. Mike also produces the parish Newsletter for us. Thank you Mike.