

## **Chairman's Report May 2017 by Jenny Jullien**

I am pleased to submit my first report on the work of the Parish Council over the past year. It has been a very busy, productive and enjoyable time.

Just a few statistics to start with – we've met every month, in the last twelve starting with just 7 Councillors in May 16 rising, currently to just 8, we are still three short. If you would like to join us to make a difference, please contact either myself or the parish clerk. Over the last 12 months at our meetings we had on average four members of the public. It would be great if there were more people that side of the table than this.

I will begin by looking back over the past year at what's happened.

In **June 2016** we celebrated the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was a fabulous weekend, I'm sure enjoyed by all, and what was especially pleasing was how so many of you worked together to make it the success it was.

In **July 2016**, it was reported that the Cambridge authorities have started consultations about the proposed devolution which would mean that Cambridgeshire together with Peterborough would have a mayor. This has now happened, and James Palmer is the elected mayor of the combined authority of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. He has £20 million a year to spend.

In **August 2016**, it was agreed to replace the front door of the Village Hall, which has been faulty for some time, and, on a much more serious note Bob Branch told us he would be resigning as Chairman due to family reasons. We thanked him for his leadership for the last three years but this did mean we were now down to just five Parish Councillors.

**September 2016** was first Parish Council meeting with me as the Chairman and Tony Adcock was appointed as Deputy Chairman.

At this meeting, final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for CCC had been made. Despite HPC writing to ask to be put with Harlton they decided not to modify their recommendations, that meant that from May 2017 Sebastian would no longer be our County Councillor, we would be grouped with Sawston and Haslingfield and Harlton would now be in different wards.

**October 2016** A South Cambs Development officer attended the meeting to talk about the plans to create a new civil parish to serve Trumpington Meadows - previously, the southern part of Trumpington Meadows had fallen within our Parish Boundary. The Parish Councillors supported this, it has now happened, and the new Parish is called South Trumpington.

**November 2016** We welcomed three new Parish Councillors to their inaugural meeting, Peter Agar, Clive Blower and Tricia Knibbs, all very necessary additions to the team.

### **Special Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November**

We held an open meeting to discuss traffic calming and the proposed plans for the Village Hall. Prior to the meeting a questionnaire had been delivered to every household in the village asking first if they thought we needed traffic calming in the village and, if so, to suggest ideas. The meeting was attended by representatives from both Highways SCDC and Skanska. A lively discussion ensued, and we took on board many of the ideas and suggestions. Tony Adcock then displayed plans for the first stage of the Village Hall extension.

**December 2016** Harlton PC reported that it was keen to support Speedwatch which means that we can share the costs of the equipment. Linda Shankland kindly agreed to lead the team in the initial stages.

**January 2017** Jay Cole and the recently formed Environmental Group got her team to start work in the Wellhouse Meadow with the pruning and staking of the trees. Further work has taken place to remove the ivy from the wall and to purchase and plant more fruit trees. Work continues, meeting monthly, and recently the area at the end of Lilac Close has been tidied up. The next plan is to walk around the Village tidying up the footpaths.

**February 2017** The Planning Committee approved the extension of Cambourne which will provide an extra 3,250 houses.

**March 2017** Stagecoach reported that they would be making improvements to the No 26 Bus service, but the No 27 would be lost. Concern was also expressed about the parking problems outside the School. This will be looked at in detail by the Traffic Calming Committee.

**April 2017** John Miller, who is spearheading the committee, reported that the first Traffic Calming Meeting was held, the next one planned for 18 May, and that it was agreed that Linda Shankland, who is coordinating the Speed watch scheme, would be invited to attend to the meetings. A figure of up to £15k was agreed by the Councillors to ensure the next stage of the Traffic Calming scheme.

That's just is a snapshot of what's happened in the last twelve months.

I've not mentioned the Grosvenor development at Trumpington, the housing development at Barrington, and its consequential traffic problems, or the Hare and Hounds at Harlton – perhaps more on that next year.

With this continued workload, we still hope to be able to recruit more Parish Councillors, if you are interested please talk to any one of us. We really do need more help.

I'm going to conclude this report with some thank you. Firstly, to my fellow Parish Councillors for their help and support in this my first year as Chair and to Frances Laville also for her help and support and for keeping me on the straight and narrow. To Sebastian Kindersley and Doug Cattermole for keeping us up to date with what's going on in the County and District and finally I wish to formally welcome Roger Hickford and Kevin Cuffley, our new County Council Representatives.

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