

Chairman's Report 18th April 2019

Dear All in what is my first Chairman's report to you please allow me to start by thanking my fellow Councillors for all their efforts and hard work that they have put in to serving Edlesborough Parish over the last twelve months. We have lost one Councillor to date, hopefully on a temporary bases, Mr Alan Green.

I would like to think that it has been a successful past year for the Council of which I will go into more detail later. It has to be said that we are lucky in our Parish to have two such hard working District and County Councillors, Chris Poll and Anne Wight because in the continuing picture of lack of support, they have done their best to support us on projects that may have not been quite as successful without a well-positioned nudge here and there!

Working backwards if you like let's have a look at what we have worked on in the past twelve months, I have taken points from Cllr William's report of last year as a starting point.

- Finalise Pavilion project direction. This is well under way now with the hiring of various professionals and the funding in place, I hope that the entire Parish continues to be involved with moulding ideas and plans as this is 'their' Pavilion.
- Evaluate and implement qualified projects, some of these items have not been able to be actioned due to finance or not being the right thing to do for the Parish, however we are working hard on others,
 - o Hardstanding near the surgery, we had the door firmly closed on us by the authorities, however knowing that something needed to happen we sought another route to try to alleviate at least some of the pressure on the parking, we are in discussions with the surgery exploring the possibility of increasing the size of their carpark, work is ongoing.
 - o Traffic calming, we have conducted a large survey across the Parish, on the advice given to us by the relevant authorities, the findings were reported at the March Council meeting & a summary is available on the website and in the May edition of Focus.
 - o Funding the Community First Responder, after the completion of the first year we have agreed that the service that Nicky provides is so important that we are funding the First Responder again this financial year.
 - o Dagnall Village Hall improvements, this has been another successful tick in a box with the completion of the much-needed overhaul of the toilets.
 - o In Northall we are looking into extending the carpark to the village all. They also successfully completed their kitchen extension.
 - o We have managed to put a more accessible entrance to the allotments in Northall, hopefully this has ensured the entrance does not get quite so carved up in the winter.

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- Moving on to the Plans for 2018/19 as reported last year
 - o All aspects that the Council were responsible for with regards to the Neighbourhood plan have been completed, including the offering of hard copies to the Parish.
 - o Data Protection, we are fully compliant with GDPR and have had no breaches of policy to date.
 - o Keeping engaged with unified Councils, Cllrs Williams and Wilkinson both attend meetings, additionally we have monthly reports from Anne and Chris.
 - o Further work on Parish lighting, We have not installed any new lights at present, this is due to lack of support or not required when surveyed, there will be now lights going into both the Cow Lane and High Street Developments of which only some of the lights will come under the Councils jurisdiction
 - o Rights of Way, Cllr Thomas continues to be the driving force on ensuring the various pathways that connect our Parish are passable.
 - o EDaN continue to do sterling work across the Parish keeping it looking lovely and litter free.
 - o Traffic Management Cllr Williams has tried to relaunch this initiative but has only had 3 Parishioners show support to date.

Thanks

I would like to thank the EDaN volunteers for their continued efforts and without whom our villages would look a lot worse for wear and somewhat covered in litter, this said it is also very important to thank the volunteers of Dagnall for carrying out their regular litter picks.

Thanks also go to the team for their continued efforts in ensuring the best for the Parish and the hard work that they put in, also included are the efforts of Penny who continues to support us all and myself especially!

Thanks to the Friends of the Church on the Hill – successfully gaining permission to install a tea point, organising the annual EdleFest and organising clearing of the Churchyard.

Thanks also go to the contractors involved in work across the Parish.

Also I would like to thank District Councillor Chris Poll and County Councillor Anne Wright. TVP for their efforts in what has been a 'busy' year for them not helped by being under continued financial pressure.

Thank you to the various Council appointees

And finally, to all the Parishioners who go out of their way to ensure that our Parish remains looking great and helping out where needed.

Cllr Scott Mineikis
18th April 2019