

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2018

This year has been another busy year for the Parish Council. We were all devastated when Stuart Curtis lost his battle with cancer, he is sadly missed for his knowledge and good humour and drive to support this village. Continuity with the Parish Council has been maintained by the election of our Deputy Chairman Bob Waller to the vacant District Council seat.

We have continued to liaise with Jackson and Jackson, the developer of The Parklands, to ensure that the impact on the existing village is minimised and that the development complements our community. Work has commenced on clearance of the site for the first phase of the development and your Council has had some influence in the retention of natural parkland surrounding the development.

Our annual Sports Day was a great success as it combined with a Village Fete run by the Village Hall Committee and it is hoped to achieve the same success this year. Our decision to combine our Christmas tree event with the Village Hall was taken on practical grounds but was not the success of previous years. It has been resolved to restore the event to the Christmas tree and provide refreshments and encourage parishioners to attend the village hall after the lights have been switched on.

The Tennis Court at the Village Hall received a make-over courtesy of a community youth group and is available to parishioners for tennis or 5 a side football. Though we still have some vandalism with damage to the fence overall it has been reduced with the installation of a working CCTV system.

The generation of the Neighbourhood plan has been slow. The responsibility for the plan fell on just a few of our parishioners and proved a difficult task, however the bulk of the work has now been done. We have applied for further funding and secured the service of a consultant to draw the final strings together. We plan to present it to you and hold a referendum on its adoption later this year.