

CHAIRS REPORT 2016

It's hard to believe that another year has passed by whether it is just an age thing or the amount of work that passes in front of us I am not sure.

However here we are at the start of a new year for PC.

We have over the last year talked about how our village is perceived by others and to this end have started to put in place changes which hopefully will help to improve the overall look of the village, And while improvements and projects seem to move very slowly at time we have made some progress The Telephone box is now refurbished and hopefully will be soon utilised as a new home for the defibrillator, we have continued our work with the EA and partners, to improve the flood defence system in the sluice area, and continue work closely with our neighbors at Cemex who despite difficult times, show no signs of stopping their much appreciated support for our village, and I would like express our thanks to them for that. We have also embarked on a scheme to improve renovate the children's play area and put in place a adult outdoor gym area.

We continue to be under pressure to keep our budget under control and with help of our clerk the past year saw us been able to offer a slight reduction in our local precept despite once again helping out the various groups in the village which I hope is something we will carry on doing as I believe it is part of our role as the PC to help and improve the local community where possible.

Work has already started on several other projects including the pond area and planting around the village I would like to thank Cllr D Mouncey and others for all the work been done. Hopefully we can keep the momentum going over the next year and continue to look for other areas with a view to improving them if we can.

I appreciate that work ,social commitments and life in general put a massive amount of pressure on the time we all have available to spend on PC work but if not for our council s efforts we would not have the village we have today , no muga, no football field, no children's play area, no voice on our flood defense, no new bus shelters, no paths cleaned and repaired etc the list is endless, as well the small matter of residents having someone to complain to after a few in the pub at night. And to that end I would, if I may, on behalf of the village, like to thank you all for your efforts and time over the past year and hope the next will add some more to the list.

Lastly I would like to thank Louise, our clerk for all the work she puts into keeping us all on the straight and narrow road that is local politics.

I hopefully look forward to working with you all over the next year.

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