

May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

It has been yet another year of many planning applications 12 residential all bar one being permitted, 10 applications for tree works and 2 Quarry extension applications. The building works and disputes have finally ended regarding the Village Hall, which is now being put to regular and varied usage. The PC purchased and installed a 3<sup>rd</sup> dog waste bin at the entrance of the Brake, however despite providing bags and bins there are still numerous areas including the recreation field which unfortunately are subject to 'dog fouling' this could be due to roaming dogs which are also keen to raid the kerbside food waste bins!

Concerns raised by members of the public: were the overhang of hedges/branches. Dangerous and inconsiderate parking at the bottom of Summerhill lane and on the pavement close to. The parking is being monitored and the police are aware. I would urge members of the Parish to use the report it.Gov website. Some very positive and prompt action has been noted with regard to potholes and drain issues - using that service. We were allocated the lengths men who concentrated on the deep ditches and drains. Highways organised Contractors to cut & clear deadwood and overhang - along the verge from corner at top of Dale street/Littons up the 'Naunton Inn road' Following a visit from highways a crew also repaired and replaced the cover on the drain opposite Parkers Cottage. New LED streetlights were installed throughout the village.

The snowplough made an appearance again and we still hold a good supply of bagged salt. Our thanks must go to Robert Hicks for his role & Alasdair Anderson for spreading and monitoring the salt on Chapel Hill

For many years Ken Ogilvie has taken responsibility of storing and ordering the dog waste bags - having said he was happy to

take on the role whilst the family were a dog owner, I have only just learnt that sadly Marlow passed away some 7 months ago. So Ken extra thanks for continuing this duty to date. Understandably with other family commitments a new volunteer is now being sought.

November 2018 was a sad occasion for all with the 'passing' of David Hallsworth, his support, commitment and dedication to Naunton Parish with numerous terms serving the PC, Cricket Club, Neighbourhood watch, Dovecote Trust, Village Hall along with supporting events for St Andrews Church, Naunton Players, social committee events and not forgetting the Black Horse, On behalf of all the above The Parish Council have organised a bench dedicated to the memory of David to be placed on the recreation ground by the cricket pavilion which is awaiting delivery.

A grant of £1,000 has been pledged to the Dovecote Trust.

PC having instructed solicitors some 4 years ago has finally received the LR title following the voluntary first registration of the Pound costing some £366. The Pound being the area used for car parking next to the Village Hall which is also used 'with conditions' as a Boules Court.

The children's play area has received some maintenance works to the multi cluster, thank you Cllr Hanks for overseeing this and looking after the area.

Cllr Bell, chair of the recreation ground committee has spent many hours, mostly single handed tackling the scrub land between the village hall and the field along with overseeing the security and condition of the grounds. The gateway issue has now been addressed, I'm hoping Cllr Bell will give a full report for the PC meeting following.

Cllrs Russell & Pickup have been active with the flood committee and river clearance and as with all the Councillors if approached by a parishioner actively bringing forward any issues or concerns for the agenda.

We are fortunate to have our clerk Maxi also fielding many items that are sent to the PC website some general inquiries also items of interest to add to the agenda for our meetings.

Councillors remain unchanged, with 4 candidates uncontested. At the time of nominations Cllr Bell offered to stand down "as there might be others willing". No other nominees came forward or unfortunately showed any interest. Thankfully Cllr Bell has forwarded his interest in being co-opted back on.

Aims for the future - The Parish Council would always like to hear from anyone who might be interested with regard to being a Tree Warden, Dog 'bag' monitor, Footpath/bridle path officer or 'working parties where required' ie area tidying/litter picking. (Having said that a 'lone womble' has been spotted as witnessed by the chair and clerk).