

## **Report from Bev Chance, Chairman of Naunton Parish Council 2016/17**

It's been another active year for the Village Organisation, thank you all for your reports, although Naunton has sadly lost its Womens Institute. We have recently seen the loss of two very community minded and supportive leading ladies - Cathy and Corrinne. Grateful thanks must go to Graham Powell for taking on the responsibly of the damaged stone bench outside Littons which will include a memorial inscription in respect of Corrinne.

Congratulations to Nigel Moor for retaining his seat. With his help the £300 CDC grant along with our '£1000 held' meant that Cllr Charlie Hanks could add another piece of equipment to the play area. Also we benefitted from the 'Linesman Scheme', which I believe is to happen again this year.

Having unanimously passed the responsibility of the Flood Monitor and it's messaging system to Lawrence back in March 2016, I found myself trying to resolve why it wasn't working. Having called Hydrologic and taken their offer of a free visit, I was not amused to discover the monitor didn't work because it was not there. I would have hoped for co operation and indeed team work within the flood group to this day, unfortunately there are still uncertainties...

Highways completed the drainage works re the run off from Brockhill Quarry. The stock pile of spoil which was causing concern has now been removed, wind struck signage has been reinstated at Naunton Inn and other signage has been fixed back on its post.

Gigaclear installed the fibre optic 'Fastershire' connections. Concerns were raised regarding damage at the time to the

Village Green and a missing milestone. Those were thankfully all reinstated, however they do seem to have buried a surface water drain just above Littleworth, which will need attention.

We have been experiencing parking problems throughout the village. These are ongoing and need to be addressed. Dog fouling on pavements, private driveways, the children's play area and recreation ground are also ongoing. Please be responsible dog owners and 'Bag It & Bin It'. On that note I would like to express thanks to Ken Ogilvie & Lois for ordering and topping up the bags for the dog waste bins sited at the recreation ground and end of Dale Street/Back Way.

Thanks also to Robert Hicks our Snow Warden, ready for action if and when needed.

It's been a busy year with planning applications and tree works. There were no objections to any of these. I attended a planning seminar back in March which was a useful and educational event.

We are still looking for a volunteer to be our Tree Warden.

We ended our financial year on a sad note. Unfortunately losing the service of our Clerk/RFO Kate Sales who had guided and served us so well for the past two years, handing over to Interim Locum Service of Janet Eustace to whom I thank also for your help and support to myself and the Parish and your assistance in appointing a new clerk/RFO.

Thank you fellow Councillors for the roles you undertake and commitment to the Parish.

My final three words to take forward this year to cover most issues are: Common-sense. Courtesy. Communication.