

## **KNIVETON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT 2020-2021**

Despite the difficulties resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic and the requirement to hold Parish Council meetings online, this year has been busy with activities and developments in our village.

### **Some Welcomes**

We welcomed a new Parish Councillor, Keith Simmons, who is proving to be a conscientious councillor, supporting our village.

### **Public Participation**

The Parish Council is proud to represent the village and very grateful to all the residents who have managed to attend our online meetings. Sharing their views helps the Council make balanced decisions.

### **Road Safety**

We have formed a Traffic & Road Safety Working Groups, who will be exploring ways controlling and slowing down traffic passing through the village. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19, we were only able to carry out one practice Speed Watch session this year. However, following a very generous donation from County Councillor Irene Radcliffe, we will be able to purchase our own Speed Gun and hopefully resume Speed Watch Sessions in the summer.

### **Playing Field Contract**

We have a new contract for the maintenance of the Joint Playing Field with Fox Landscaping, who have taken over from Counsellor John Bradbury. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John for the fantastic work he's done over the years.

### **Village Warden**

We interviewed and appointed Stuart Ford as the Village's Maintenance Warden. Stuart cleared the footpaths and carried out a wide range of maintenance duties throughout the village last summer and will be doing the same between May and October of 2021.

### **Telephone Box**

We purchased, renovated and fitted out the village telephone box with shelves, to convert it into a book exchange. The telephone box is now well stocked with books.

### **Village Pump**

We arranged for the village pump to be dismantled, repainted, and restored to its fully working former glory.

### **Planters**

We arranged for 3-tier floral planters to be placed outside the village hall and at the bottom of the village, opposite Pethills Lane for the first time, and we are very pleased that they will be in place again from June 2021.

### **Website**

We created a Website Working Group in order to identify and appoint a web site provider who could provide us with a new professional and fully compliant Parish Council Web Site.

### **Climate Change**

We have introduced Climate Change as a new regular item on our agendas, to ensure that potential environmental improvements and innovative ways of addressing climate change are considered and discussed at every meeting.

### **I would like to thank...**

- All the residents of Kniveton who continues to support the village and the Parish Council.
- Kath Gruber, the Parish Clerk, for her expert guidance of the work of the Council and making sure that Council decisions were implemented.
- County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe for her continued support of the Parish Council over the years, her donation towards the Parish Council's Speed Camera, and to wish her the very best with her retirement.

- Jason Gruber, for his invaluable expertise and assistance in helping our Website Working Group to identify and appoint a new web site provider
- Kevin Woolley and Hannah Barton for keeping the village up to date with Kniveton News.
- Peak Waste for stripping and repainting the Village Pump
- Rob Savidge for repairing the Village Pump and restoring it to full working order, and fitting out the Telephone Box Book Exchange with shelving.
- All the Parish Councillors for their hard work over the last 12-months and for ensuring that well-considered decisions were made.

Howard Nelson

Chair, Kniveton Parish Council