

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING – 13th May 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2015 TO MARCH 2016

We were sad to lose Cllr Jim Hemingway, who retired at the end of the year but look forward to welcoming a new councillor, Fiona Murnagh, as his successor.

Val Butcher retired as Clerk in January and we were pleased to welcome the new Clerk Hannah Hay.

There were the usual 5 meetings, the Spring Clean and the Parish inspection.

There were quite a few planning applications during the year – we objected to the following:-

35 Creskeld Lane – additional garage – Approved

1 Warren Fold – fence – Approved

Grange Farm – access road – Refused

Grange Farm barn conversion to 3 dwellings – Approved with several conditions

New Roundabout opposite The Poplars, Bramhope – Still pending?

We objected strongly again on the Leeds Site Allocations Plan, Publication Draft. I must thank Diane Fox for all her hard work in understanding the draft and compiling our objections.

Miller Bros application to build 380 houses on Breary Lane East is now at the appeal stage.

We received grants from the Leeds Outer N W Community Committee for the Memorial bench and from Cllr Billy Flynn for the concrete base, for which we are grateful.

We approved the purchase and fitting of a loft ladder in the Village Hall for storage of Parish Council archives.

Boxing Day saw serious flooding in Arthington. Cllr Flynn organized help from Leeds for the farm affected.

We informed Leeds about the blocked gullies and debris along the road.

The Tour de Yorkshire arrived in May and many spectators watched from the Village Hall and enjoyed the refreshments served there.

OTHER ITEMS

Attended on Remembrance Sunday at Pool to lay wreath and read out names of the fallen – with Cllrs Hemingway and the Clerk. Cllr O'Brien represented Arthington P C at the remembrance parade in Otley.

Attended Carol Service at Puritan Chapel, Bramhope – with Clerk

Cllrs Hemingway, O'Brien and I went to the drop-in session at Pool Village Hall regarding the Airport Link Road.

I would like to thank the Clerks, Councillors & Village Hall.

Lastly I am sad to report the death of Selwyn Pennington, who has audited our accounts for many years and has acted as first trustee for A.R.A.G.E. Martin Parnaby has agreed to take over as first trustee and I remain as second trustee.

Signed Chairman Date