

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING – 28th May 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019

There were the usual 5 meetings, the Spring Clean and the Parish inspection. Also 2 newsletters were circulated during the year.

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

27 Creskeld Lane – new gates to front – Approved

Warren House, Warren Lane – appeal against initial refusal of annex - Refused

16 Creskeld Drive – summer house to rear garden – Approved with conditions.

Land adjacent to 2 Creskeld Park – amendments to various aspects - Pending

Removing the BOAT from Sandbed Lane is still an ongoing project.

We gave a grant of £703 (which was 50% of the cost) to the Village Hall for the plumbing and insulation work.

I have reviewed the Financial Regulations and 1 small amendment has been made.

The Holme View notice board has been refurbished, to be followed by the Warren Lane one (ready for gloss painting and re-fitting).

PCSOs and a PC have attended several meetings giving help, advice and updates and in general, we seem to have very little crime in the village.

Regarding the self-seeded trees on the S-bend, Leeds say that they will deal with it as soon as they can.

One of our responsibilities is the bus shelter at the bottom of Creskeld Lane which needs some attention to the ceiling and missing tiles. This has been discussed and is ongoing.

The telephone box is still in need of restoration and work is planned for this year.

Thanks to Neil for his tenacity in trying to secure a grant from Leeds Outer North West Committee.

Sadly unsuccessful. Thankfully Cllr Billy Flynn stepped in and secured a grant for the full amount.

Installation of the SID is pending at a site near the Wharfedale pub. Thanks to Cllr Flynn.

During the year Cllr Shepherd moved house to Otley, which is outside the 3 mile limit and therefore could not stand for re-election to the PC. Mr David Spencer was interviewed and accepted to replace Cllr Shepherd.

We raised the precept to £2500.

The suggested removal of the memorial plaque from the Coptic church to the Village Hall will not take place, as the Coptic church do honour the fallen in their regular services. Therefore a replica will be installed in the Village Hall instead.

The question of using the ARAGE funds for different uses has been discussed and is still ongoing.

OTHER ITEMS

I attended on Remembrance Sunday at Pool to lay a wreath and read out names of the fallen.

I attended the Carol Service at the Puritan Chapel, Bramhope.

I would like to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their input throughout the year. I would also thank the Village Hall for the use of the hall and for refreshments after the Spring Clean. Special thanks to Diane and Fiona once again for their diligence with planning matters.

SignedChairman Date