

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Zoom MEETING –26th October 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020

There were 4 meetings in the year, May 19, July 19, October 19 and January 20 with no meeting in March 20 due to the Corona virus (Covid-19) outbreak and the imposition of total lockdown. The Spring Clean and the Parish inspection took place. Also 2 newsletters were circulated in the year.

There were quite a few planning applications during the year – we commented on many of them.

After the retirement of Cllr Spencer through ill health, we welcomed David Stoddart-Scott as the new councillor. Sadly David Spencer died in March 2020.

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

The Warren Lane notice board has been re-furbished and erected.

PCSOs and a PC have attended several meetings or sent advice and updates and there is still very little crime in the parish.

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

The telephone box is still in need of restoration and work has not been possible due to Corona virus. We hope to carry out the work next year.

The SID is up and running, very well in my opinion! Once again, thanks to Cllr Flynn. Hannah the Clerk and David Stoddart-Scott have been trained in obtaining data from the SID. Thanks to both.

We left the precept at £2500.

We still hope to install a replica of the War Memorial in the Village Hall.

The question of using the ARAGE funds for different uses has been discussed and is still ongoing. Neil O'Brien will be appointed as second trustee, taking over from Martin Parnaby, who is moving from the area.

There is no news about the Wharfedale Pub re-opening. Neil O'Brien is our contact with the brewery,

Ground works have started on the Miller Bros site in Bramhope. Build time on the site has been reduced from 8 to 6 years

The PC gave a grant of £150 to Arthington Cricket Club, towards the hosting of their website.

We voiced our concern to Mick Bell at the Black Hill Road quarry regarding lorries entering and leaving the quarry from the North instead of the South. Mr Bell blamed other HGV companies who did not follow the advised routes.

Cllr Stoddart-Scott expressed concern over the speed limit on lower Creskeld Lane. This has been passed on by Cllr Billy Flynn to Leeds City Council.

OTHER ITEMS

Neil O'Brien stood in for me 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 once again for her diligence with planning matters.

I hope to be able to report better news about the Covid-19 situation next year. Please stay safe.

Signed Chairman Date