

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING – 18th May 2021

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT APRIL 2020 TO MARCH 2021

There were the usual 5 meetings but due to Covid–19 restrictions, only one was held at the Village Hall and 4 were Zoom meetings. The Spring Clean was cancelled and councillors carried out individual Parish inspections and passed the results on to the clerk. 1 newsletter was produced and circulated electronically and displayed on the parish notice boards.

We welcomed new councillor Hugh Robinson in October and he has taken a lead part in promoting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Parish and is keeping us up to date on the WYP Community Alert Scheme.

There were quite a few planning applications during the year – we commented as appropriate.

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

Cllr Stoddart-Scott agreed to review the Financial Regulations.

PCSOs have supplied us with information and updated the crime figures. Cllr Flynn also provides us with regular crime data for our area.

The bus shelter at the bottom of Creskeld Lane still needs some attention to the ceiling and missing tiles. This is still on the list to do.

The telephone box is still in need of restoration and work is still to be done.

Cllr Stoddart-Scott has circulated recent data downloaded from the Speed Indicator Device (SID). It showed 56% were travelling between 35 and 40mph - 34% at 21 to 30mph and 6% at 41 to 50mph.

We left the precept at £2500.

We have received a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) of £919 from Leeds City Council. We have decided to use some of the money to replace the bench at the bottom of Black Hill Road. The old bench was in an unsafe condition and I dismantled it and cleared the concrete base. We have decided to dedicate the bench to the memory of Cllr Basil Thompson who was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years and who passed away earlier this year.

Cllr O’Brien has been appointed as second trustee for ARAGE and the money is still lodged in the Skipton Building Society.

Bordering our parish, the Miller Bros site is well underway and relevant roadworks complete.

We still get complaints about the lorry traffic on Black Hill Road and silt washing down and blocking gullies.

The Wharfedale Pub is no nearer re-opening. Cllr O’Brien is in contact with the owners, Star Pubs, who update him periodically.

OTHER ITEMS

I laid a wreath at the Senotaph in Pool for Remembrance Sunday.

I would like to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their input throughout the year. Special thanks to Diane once again for her diligence with planning matters. Thanks also to Leeds Councillor Billy Flynn for all his help and advice. Our thanks to the Village Hall Committee for the use of the hall.

It has been a strange year for us all. We have all had to deal with it in our own ways. Looking forward, I can only hope that the future will be brighter.

SignedChairman Date