

KNIVETON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT 2021 2022

Face to Face Meetings Resumed

The Covid-19 pandemic and the requirement to hold Parish Council meetings online continued until July 2021 when the Parish Council was once again able to hold meetings in person.

Public Participation

The Parish Councillors are proud to represent the village and we ensured the safe return of in-person meetings. We were pleased to welcome back residents who made time to attend our meetings and shared their views as this helps the Council make balanced decisions.

A Warm Welcome

Some Welcomes

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

Road Safety

The Traffic & Road Safety Working Group met 3 times in 2021 2022 and arranged for 4 Speed Watch sessions to be carried out. Three of these went ahead with the other cancelled because of snow. Details of speeding vehicles were passed to the police for action, none of the drivers were local. The Group is investigating options and costs for noise reduction. Arrangements were made to have the school No Parking signs repainted and a letter was sent to Peak Waste reminding them to ensure drivers did not exceed the speed limit

Playing Field Contract

Fox Landscaping have done a fantastic job of maintaining the school playing field and the Council has agreed to contract with them again in 2022 2023.

Village Warden

Stuart Ford joined us again 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 2022.

Planters

We arranged for floral planters to be placed outside the village hall and at the bottom of the village, opposite Pethills Lane for the first time, and the displays that went up in June 2021 were lovely. Three local companies have offered to sponsor the planters in 2022.

Environmental Improvements

The Parish Council undertook a number of improvement activities/actions:

- 1) Organising a successful Village Litter Pick on 11 September 2021
- 2) Highlighting village concerns regarding sewage outfall at Kniveton Brook to Severn Trent
- 3) Repaired the bench outside the school
- 4) Agreed to part fund the mowing of the Churchyard

Climate Change

The Council's website page on Climate Change contains articles on potential environmental improvements and innovative ways of addressing climate change which are also 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.
- Peak Waste, Lester Lowe and Ashbourne self catering for their donations to the planters for 2022.
- Councillor Barnett for her work on Climate Change.
- Kath Gruber, the Parish Clerk, for her expert guidance of the work of the Council and making sure that Council decisions are implemented.
- County Councillor Dermot Murphy in his first year supporting the Parish Council
- All the Parish Councillors for their hard work over the last 12-months and for ensuring that well-considered decisions were made.

Rob Savidge

Chair, Kniveton Parish Council