

Chairman's Report 2017/2018

This has been the most difficult year for the council since I was first elected to the chair. The year started with the resignation of the then Parish Clerk Kieran Warren, who had been the clerk since August 2010. This meant advertising and appointing a new clerk, but not only that it meant the office was now under staffed and many items we had planned were delayed in happening.

Staffing changes have continued to prove challenging during the year and a new clerk is currently being recruited. It is hoped that a full complement of staff will soon be reached.

I would like to take this opportunity to complement the current staff on their ability and dedication that has enabled the council to continue through this difficult time, not only to keep the legal aspects in order but also to find time to negotiate a massive award from 106 monies of E238,000.00 towards the drainage development of the Crossbow playing fields. Congratulation for this achievement goes to our deputy clerk Kim Jefferies for the extensive amount of work this entailed above her normal work load.

The new play equipment for Beesmoor Road playing fields has been delayed but is now taking priority and should now be able to proceed subject to just a couple of items needing clarification. This will then give the parish an up to date play area for children in the centre of the parish.

I would also like to thank the Vice Chair of the Council Mrs Linda Williams for deputising for me since I have moved away from the parish, I have attended a number of meetings since I moved to Devon, but the problems have necessitated in Linda deputising for me quite considerably since October last year.

I would also like to thank all of the Councillors for their support while I have been privileged to be annually elected to the chair, this will be my last report to you as I will not be standing for re-election at this year's annual general meeting, and I trust you will all support your new Chairman as you have supported me.

Tom Clothier
**Chairman of
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Parish Council**