

Chairman's Report 2018

The Parish Council has had a busy year.

Planning and Highways have created a great deal of work.

Planning has been dominated by two large applications, which have taken significant council effort. Blounts site at Studley and Hills Waste Group at Lower Compton.

The Blounts Studley is now being developed. There remains concern about the traffic orders regarding the speed limit and the proposed Toucan crossing on the A4.

The Hills applications are still on going, and we are waiting for confirmation when they will be taken to the Planning Committee.

Highways as usual dominated mainly by road issues and the speed of traffic. Three metro counts have been conducted in the Parish, Stockley Lane, the A342-Loxwell to the A4 and Sandy Lane. The results for these issues will need to be considered.

Problems with spring water at Studley Hill which have now been resolved, after being raised to the highest level with Wiltshire Council Highways.

Council elections were held in May.

There was an election in West Ward where 7 candidates stood for 6 seats. Two new Councillors were elected Keith Robbins and Ioan Rees. Four previous Councillors were re-elected Matt Maddicks, Richard French, Richard Aylen and Edwin Jones.

Two co-options were made after the election Nigel Cole for Middle Ward and Barry Satchell for Sandy Lane Ward.

There remained a vacancy in East Ward which has now been filled by Katherina Kroenig who was co-opted on to the Council.

Richard Aylen resigned from the Council leaving a vacancy in the West Ward, an election has taken place and Alan Malpas was elected.

The elections in the West Ward flagged up some anomalies concerning the Ward Boundaries. Some houses in Church Road and Studley Hill were found to be in Pewsham Ward and not West Ward which only came to light when residents from those properties informed us on the polling day. This appears to be the old boundary not being changed after the Redhill developments. This had not been noticed beforehand because there had not been an election in West Ward for about 30 years. A working group has been set up to make recommendations on our Parish Ward boundaries.

The Parish Council continued to work with Calne Town Council to produce The Neighbourhood Plan. This has now been achieved and a Referendum was held on 1st February with a positive result.

The Sun Edison Fund has been well managed by the Sun Edison Sub Group which has continued to progress worthwhile community funding requests.

A new Parish Council notice board has recently been purchased and installed in Stockley.

Sadly our Clerk Geoff Turner has decided to retire. He has been a tremendous asset to the Council and he will be greatly missed. I would like to thank him for his loyalty and devotion to the Parish Council and to myself as Chairman. We are now in the process of advertising for his successor.

I very much wish to express a huge thank you to Jim Cook for his help and support as Vice Chairman.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their attendance and contribution to the Council over the past year.

Ed Jones, Chairman
Calne Without Parish Council

26th February 2018