

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Chairman's Annual Report

When I became Chairman of Cuddington Parish Council in May 2017 I said at the time that it was important that we are open and transparent in everything we do. It has been a busy year and here are some of the highlights.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: When a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it becomes a planning document used with others to determine planning applications. The Group set up to create this have done a tremendous amount of work. Everything has to be evidence based and there must be extensive proof of engagement with the community at all stages. The amount of paper produced is horrendous. They are presently approaching Regulation 15 which is a consultation run by Cheshire West and Chester Council. There will be feedback from this which will have to be dealt with and then an Examiner will be appointed to give the green light to go forward to a referendum. This is expected towards the end of 2018. You will have the final say and if you say yes the Neighbourhood Plan will then be adopted. The whole Parish Council have already expressed their thanks to John Kerrigan and his team.

VILLAGE PLAN: This is about improving the village and making life better for residents. The Village Plan Implementation Group have produced a final report setting out what has been done and recommending further action. This report is on the Village Website and available at the Library. Some informal groups will continue their work. All the recommendations have been considered by the Parish Council and almost all accepted. The Parish Council's formal response to these recommendations will be posted on the Village Website when the document has been approved. In the meantime my thanks to the 24 volunteers who have worked very hard in the 3 Working Groups.

PLANNING: The Parish Council continues to alert near neighbours of planning applications submitted over and above the Planning Authority's statutory requirement. This is for Cuddington and Sandiway. The office at Delamere Park takes responsibility there. All local planning applications are considered by the Parish Council as consultee and some go before full Parish Council. Residents wishing to comment may do so formally to Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Planning Authority and to the Parish Council as consultee.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT NORLEY ROAD: This is a major project with the new equipment being installed at the end of March. The Parish Council have worked with the Playing Field Association and funded project management who in turn have utilised S106 planning obligation funding and obtained 1 for 1 match funding from the Wren Community Fund and the Big Lottery Fund "Awards for All". Contributions from Cheshire West and Chester Councillors Charles Fifield, Harry Tonge and Paul Williams.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: The Parish Council's unaudited income and expenditure statement for the year ended 31st March 2018 is available at Assembly and this shows bank balances held as at 31st March 2018 and a breakdown between general and designated reserves.

VILLAGE WEBSITE: Information on the Parish Council is on the website under Local Councils. The village website is www.candsonline.org . The Local Directory is regularly updated. There is a wealth of local information there.

CAR PARK EXTENSION at Mere Lane shops was completed during the year. This has been funded by Weaver Vale Housing Trust, Cheshire West and Chester Councillors Charles Fifield, Harry Tonge, Paul Williams and the Parish Council.

ALLOTMENTS: Allotments at Eden Grange for the benefit of all residents in the Parish were a commitment made by Taylor Wimpey. Construction has been delayed and the latest date given for completion is early 2019. A waiting list is held and from it a steering group formed to monitor progress. The allotments will be self- managed.

The Parish Council continues to fund publication of the monthly Round Tower Newsletter, the Christmas Tree at St. Johns, the annual grant towards the upkeep of the Playing Fields at Norley Road and small repairs and improvements throughout the village .

Councillor John Faulkner

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