

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's report to Annual Assembly 24th May 2017

Firstly I would like to thank my predecessor Ken Nixon whose term of office as Chairman ended at the last Parish Council meeting on 15th May. Ken's commitment and service to the local community over a great many years has been outstanding. On behalf of everyone I thank him.

You will be able to see from the various reports to be given later in the meeting that a great deal is happening. It never ceases to amaze me the extent of volunteering not only here but across the country and how this contributes greatly to a vibrant community.

On a personal note I would like to say how nice it is to see the Parish Clerk, Julie Chrimes back amongst us after her recent illness. The Parish Council particularly appreciates the work she was able to do beyond the call of duty.

In the event that the Neighbourhood Plan be approved by referendum and therefore looked at together with other policies in the determination of planning applications, there will be new responsibilities for the Parish Council. Similarly when the implementation of the Village Plan has been completed by the end of this year, in the interests of continuity there will be the opportunity for the Parish Council to consider taking on additional responsibilities or not. I believe that it will be necessary for the Parish Council to be clear on its priorities and may be what are not priorities. I also think that performance management is important and being open and transparent with the public.

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