

## CHAIRS REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

- Much of the year the Covid-19 virus epidemic has affected is with the ample advice available from higher Councils being distributed via the Parish council website and notice Board. The Zoom platform enabled our business meetings to continue including input from Members of the Public. The legislation enabling virtual meetings became void on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- A new Councillor was welcomed this year following a resignation.
- The audit for 2019/2020 was successful with the PC able to use the Exemption from the Limited Assurance Review route. An Internal Audit was also successfully completed by a Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC) auditor.
- Street Lighting charges following modifications to the lights reflected in the latest re-charge invoices with a 50% reduction compared to costs before the change.
- The defibrillator is checked on a regular basis and is registered with the East Midlands Ambulance service (EMAS) who have access to the device if required. A video demonstrating its use is circulated regularly and is permanently available on the Parish Council website.
- The Play a Part project has held minuted meetings with the steering group throughout the year- we were disappointed when the grant application to fund the work defined by the earlier project work involving the community was unsuccessful.
- Flooding issues around the village have been acted on by LCC Highways, Severn Trent Water, and the Parish Council. Recent have been carried out by STW on the sewage pump to ensure that it is functioning correctly.
- Renewal of Notice Board – the Parish Council have now completed the purchase and siting of one new board adjacent to the Obelisk in the centre of the village.
- Bus Services, though reduced, are functioning in line with the latest schedules.
- Planning – the Parish Council are monitoring the development on the Travellers site which is occupied one caravan, plus a further 2 arriving this month and parked before being connected to services. Liaison continues with Charnwood Borough Council Planning Department in trying to ensure compliance with Planning approvals in a number of issues.
- This year has seen Liaison with a support from LCC on the clearance of blocked gullys and drains.
- The precept for 2019/2020, which funds the work of the PC for the coming year, has remained the same as the previous year.
- We have worked with the Police throughout the year on a number of issues including speeding and parking of vehicles.
- Ongoing work at the top of Kinds Lane has resulted in a stile installation which denies access to many. A gate alongside is padlocked. Negotiations are ongoing with Leicestershire County Council footpaths.
- We thank the following for their support during the year 2019/2020:
  - County Councillor Brenda
  - Borough Councillor Daniel Grimley
  - Support from the Police Team

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