

GREENHEAD PARISH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT  
MAY 2019 and 2020

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Welcome to a much delayed and covid 19 protected annual village meeting

My report this year covers the period from May 2019 onwards for reasons of which we are all aware and understand The council started by formalizing all our papers to comply with latest rules and regulations and to help in our future working

The agenda at first was to have the outside of the village hall painted this was later completed and also work on the war memorial this proved more difficult because of the expense and finding experts the carry out the work without the possibility of creating more damage we therefore decided to continually monitor the condition of the memorial.

The village gained a new notice board and waste bin and all trees on the millennium were checked for safety now a regulation also repairs to the play equipment after vandalism which does occur from time to time but is fortunately rare

August presented an unusual request for the council to act in a discussion between the residents of Milburn terrace and Karbon Homes this involved legal advice and cost after initial reluctance we decided to be involved with the problem being solved and the costs covered by the residents

Two ongoing projects now held up by the arrival of the pandemic but will continue when we return to normal, Mrs Sabena Joicey has kindly presented a piece of land along side the Tipult for the use of the village in some way, after a visit on site with representatives of the river trust it was decided to try to create a wetland nature reserve and this is our intention for the future the other project is to create a wild flower patch on the land between the level crossing and the underpass

Planning application and questions on footpaths speeding and requests for donations are always up for discussion we have given £400 to charities in this period all of which benefit the parish in some way keeping our precept at the same level now for three years

Holding meetings on computers or phones has been difficult but all essential work has still been covered including having to renew the lease for the play area which expired at the beginning of 2020 but we could only extend it for three years without the cost of paying for a complete new lease and this will depend on the new land owner the situation will be closely watched as losing the play area would be a large blow to the village.

News of friends and past councillors moving on or passing away has made these last months unpleasant for all of us so I am pleased after this recent election we now have a complete parish council of seven with the addition of Lucy Bevan

Finally this will be my last report as chair after twenty plus years as a councillor and fourteen years as chair I will step down and after this meeting and just be a plain councillor with less responsibility I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with a wide variety of very good people but my thanks must go too the present group of councillors and the clerk for their support and good company over the last few years

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Chair GPC