

My first Chairman Report:

May 2021 saw Pennie leave the Council and on to pastures new. This led myself to be appointed as the Chairman, with no Vice-Chairman. It has been difficult to juggle this with a full time job, family farm and still trying to have a social life. Do I want to do it again, I'm not sure!

I would like to thank Kevin, who has been at my side, pointing me in the right direction, making sure we do everything correctly. You have become a good friend to me Kevin. Whilst on thanks, to the Councillors, well done for sticking at it, it is not easy, especially when we are short by 4 Councillors.

I would also like to thank the District and County Councillors, who have provided help and support.

What has the Parish Council achieved in the past 12 months?

- Regularly reporting of issues to CCC and SLDC.
- Council Asset Register created on online mapping- ParishOnline.
- A new litter bin for Bowston was installed.
- A grant from CCC was achieved and a new bench installed at Steeles Row.
- Worked with The Anglers Trust to ensure the play park was repaired after the SLDC inspection.
- A Community Fridge now operates in the Church Corridor. A big thanks to those that made it possible.
- New village allotments are now beginning with the first patches been dug, managed by a community allotment group. Again, big thanks to all involved.
- An apple tree in memory of Prince Phillip was planted with children from St Oswald's in the Churchyard.
- Continuing to look after Parish Council planters.
- The Council organised for the Willink Field to be regularly mown by Chris Rabone, who cuts other areas in the village.
- The old garage at Bowston was discussed with the owner and has now been removed.
- Pollinator areas; which included working to get cutting regimes altered and the sowing of seeds. These are to continue in 2022.
- The Parish Council used CIL funding to contribute to renewing a second section of the school fence.

-The Council contributed to the 175-year anniversary celebration of the Lakes Line after a request from Roger Leather, an event was held in the Bryce earlier this year.

-SLDC began to renew their Local Plan. Paper documents were sifted and printed for residents to look at in the Church corridor and provide comments. An extended public participation was held and a meeting organised to view the submitted development sites. Comments gathered were included in the Parish Council's extensive response to SLDC.

-In September the Council voted to oppose any new development that is to be connected to mains sewage until the system is fit for purpose.

-After a long process with CCC the Memorial Bench was finally able to be installed by Mr Batty's family.

-The Parish Council awarded a grant to the Millennium Green for the removal of trees affected by Ash Dieback.

-The Council contributed £750 towards the fencing of the allotments.

-The Dapper Dick award was presented to Mr John Peatfield for his contributions to the Community and Council.

-The defibrillator at Spring Holme was re-registered and a training event with the Fire Service held at the Bryce.

-The Council awarded a grant to the Cricket Club for equipment.

-The Council contributed £500 towards the Clean the River Kent Campaign. Councillors have also helped volunteer to take water samples and attend meetings. It is expected that this will continue in the Parish in the coming year.

-THE JUBILEE: Events planned in June, headed by Linda and Kirsty from the Cricket Club. These will include an afternoon tea, village sports and Jubilee party. The Council agreed to contribute towards these and Councillors have been attending planning meetings. The Council has also purchased Jubilee mugs for the school children, a Beacon will be lit and a tree for the Green Canopy planted in Autumn.

What are some of the ongoing projects for 2022?

-Village Entry signs- we began the process a very long time ago! We seem to be getting closer with a contractor organised and now a design from CCC Highways who will make the signs.

-Traffic plan- again this was very badly effected by Covid-19. The Council has met with CCC Highways on several occasions, along with Crook Parish Council. Proposals have now been received for the pinch point at Bonningate and also Bowston, where cars are parked. Burneside et al is still in early stages, CCC Highways recently had monitoring tubes in the village to gather data for this.

-Toilet block & Bowston boat yard areas- Despite many efforts these are still areas of concern to residents and the Council.

-Village shelter project- this was brought to the Council several months ago; it is hoped that some time can be allocated to looking into this project soon.

-Bowston Weir- permission for removal has now been granted by SLDC, there are still concerns by residents and the Parish Councils Biodiversity Group, particularly regarding the loss of habitat.

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