

Uffington Parish Council AGM 2nd May 2018

Chairman's Report

Play area hedge/fence dispute: This issue was resolved at a court hearing on 13th June 2017. The judge ruled that Cllr Genever had no case to answer due to lack of evidence from Mr Navid. Cllrs Mulvaney & Brown attended the hearing with Cllr Genever.

The Boundary has now been planted with native species by Cllr Kate Genever

Planning:

A new proposal was put forward for the **site adjacent to West Hall Farm**, this was refused. The land is classed as an important open space within the conservation area.

The Parish Council was opposed in principal to the **Parish Church extension**. This was however granted permission by the planning committee and is now in progress.

Play area: Additional equipment for both the infants and main play area have been installed. This equipment was funded by the Somes trust Charity.

The infant's area fencing is still to be modified and completed following comments from an inspection by Wicksteed Play equipment.

Road repairs have again been regularly discussed "pot holes" in particular.

Street Lighting: Lindsey road continues to have reduced hours of street lighting.

Precept There was again no increase in the PC precept for this financial year

School Field Access: This matter has now been resolved. The school have confirmed that its Public liability Insurance covers the field at all times. They have requested that users respect the field and other school property.

Maple Tree in Lindsey road: After a request from the Parish council for a report/proposal for the mature trees on the estate, the District Council employed contactors to "pollard" the Maple tree adjacent to Numbers 16 & 18. This is not to the satisfaction of the residents and a request has been submitted for it to be replaced.

Big Clean: The Big clean team carried out work in the Village, positive comments were received from Lindsey Road residents.

Bertie Lane Bungalows: Following requests from the residents improvements were carried out to the parking and access to this area. Thanks to District Cllr Cooke for his input on this project.

Allotments: Improvements have been carried out to the Orchard area of the allotments. It is planned to re-instate the pond and create a wildlife area. All allotments are now rented and cultivated.

Anglia Water: The project to replace a section of the water main has been in progress since early January 2018. Despite several setbacks it is scheduled to be completed by May 4th.

Village Hall Committee: There was discussion between the Village Hall and Parish Council on the attendance of Council representation at the Hall committee meetings. The current arrangement is that a Parish Councillor will attend these meetings. The Council has not nominated any one councillor to regularly attend.

Parish Clerk: After Forty years of service Yvonne Genever has retired from the position of Parish Clerk. This is now held by Lorraine Thurston. Our thanks go to Yvonne for her many hours of service and to Lorraine for accepting the role.

Losses: Mr Tom Francis passed away recently. He will be missed as an active Village resident over many years.

Thanks go to all the councillors for their contributions this year and to the district and County councillors who regularly attend our meetings and report to us.

Elections: This is the final year in office for the current Councillors, elections will take place in May 2019.

Barrie Brown