

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR AGM
2018/2019

The Parish Council continue to retain their representation on the national association of Local Councils, Yorkshire Local Councils Association Executive board also strategic development and finance and general purposes committees of that body also Yorkshire in Bloom.

I have represented the council at the following events, Knaresborough's mayor making, Ripon Civic Service, Yorkshire day held in Ripon, the opening of the revamped and extended playground, NALC conference, Village Society AGM, Tadcaster Remembrance Service, the past reporter of the press for the Village Mrs Christine McDonough funeral, the past lord LTDN Mr Barry Dodds memorial service also the funeral of Mr Mick Walsh, the past Chief executive of Harrogate Council. The in Bloom awards ceremony, Harrogate in Bloom awards ceremony, Spofforth in Bloom presentation, plough service held at Ripon Cathedral also the opening and dedication of the new gates at the Valley Gardens.

I was delighted to receive a cheque from Monday Monkeys and also from the Londis shop to help with the up keep of the playground, we thank Mrs Alison Paige for all her fundraising efforts in the local shop

The Village society held another successful beer festival, thanks go to them for all their fundraising efforts and the work with the Christmas memory tree.

The council laid wreaths at the three memorials in the village, also attending the service in the Parish church.

A beacon was lit commemorating world war 1, there was also an exhibition held in the village hall, our thanks go to Margret Power for this event.

Carols were once again held in the millennium garden, we thank the musicians, wine makers and everyone involved in making this such an enjoyable evening.

The village hall has had maintenance and decorating attended to, a new cleaner was appointed in March.

The council again had several planning applications to deal with of which 10 were granted, 4 refused, 1 went to appeal.

We attended the borough councils planning meetings which dealt with the large applications for the village, and spoke against the Massey fold development, also the Stockeld application.

I now come to my thanks to councillors and residents of the village who do so much throughout the year to make the village the special place it is.

County Councillor Cliff Trotter for his attendance at meetings and help with highway matters.

District Councillor Andy Paroskos for his attendance assistance and advice.

The newly appointed hall cleaner, booking clerk and caste key keeper.

The village handyman for his work and also for attending to the flag on commemorative dates.

John Chilton for reporting parish news in the local press.

The Stockeld estate for the gift of the village Christmas tree.

Gary Marston for the village grass cutting.

The in bloom group for the stunning displays they beautify the village with, we congratulate them on winning a gold medal again, and another medal for the playground in 2018, we wish them every success in the future.

My personal thanks to the councils very helpful and hardworking clerk, Cllr June Geddes for her individual work for the council and village, and all the councillors for all their input and hard work for the benefit of the village hall and the village, their commitment to the village and community is always so willingly given and appreciated.

Spofforth parish council continues to be an active and hardworking committee.

This concludes my annual report.

Shirley Fawcett.

Chairman