

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2017

This year has been quite a mixed year. We welcomed the start of the village Cinema and the continued success of the social mornings at the village hall as well as the long awaited reopening of the Brisley Bell and a rejuvenated village cricket team. The Quiz and chips evenings raising money for various village activities has also been a great success and Billy Fordham and his supporters are to be congratulated on the results of their hard work.

It was also good to see the school getting involved in the village with their Community day when they cleaned the church, removed the lichen from the village seats and also removed a large quantity of stones from the new 6-a-side football pitch. I understand that a similar day is planned for later this year and they are looking for suggestions of what tasks they can undertake.

On the negative side during the year we lost two Parish Clerks due to personal reasons, and so, much of the work of the Clerk has had to be done by the Councillors themselves. In particular I would like to give thanks to Councillor Brown for taking over as Acting, unpaid, Clerk. We also lost the services of Councillor Jones. He is being especially missed for his hard work and expertise in relation to the Higher Level stewardship of Harper's Green and the Common. We are currently looking for a replacement councillor so please volunteer or suggest someone who would be interested.

Last year I commented on the improvement in relation to the picking up of dog poop but unfortunately this does not seem to have been maintained and I have reluctantly brought recent incidents to the attention of the Dog Warden. To help the situation we will soon be installing a new bin on the Common/

Sheep, fencing on the Common, speeding- all perennial problems remain and we keep trying to address them ! We now have a Speedwatch team working again in the village thanks to some keen volunteers.

Over the past few years there seems to have been a very welcoming increase in community activity and I would like to congratulate everyone involved in whatever way for helping to make Brisley a more vibrant village.