

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 2018-19

There have been two notable achievements for the Parish Council this year, with one of them being the completion of the purchase of the Bowling Club from the Sansaw Estate. The second is the organisation of the construction of the foot path by the moat so that pedestrians can take a safer route away from the busy A49. The feedback from users has been very positive and I would like to thank Barry Bell for his hard work in leading on this project.

We purchased two new seats for the village green, and we put up new dog fouling signs to remind dog walkers of their responsibilities in clearing up after their pets. Unfortunately, we still have some irresponsible people who continue to leave dog waste behind and, only last Saturday, someone's dog pooped on the new footpath and it was left for others to avoid. This is unacceptable and I would urge everyone to show more care.

Following the Local Plan Review, we were informed by Shropshire Council that Hadnall is to lose its countryside status and is to become a Community Hub in 2020. This means that the village must take further building development to the tune of 52 houses by 2036. We held a public meeting in January to discuss the whole proposal but predominantly Shropshire Council's preferred site for 40 houses on land south of Wedgefields. We submitted the agreed response of objection to Shropshire Council and we will continue to secure the best result that we can for the village.

Councillors have been working with parishioners regarding the various continuing issues arising from the Abbots Lea development. Hopefully, these will get fewer as the building work nears completion.

Throughout the year, we have made some financial contributions towards projects. These include: the footpath on the Shropshire Way organised by Tony Collins and Neil Duxbury; new lights for the Tree of Light; the ongoing cost of electricity for the floodlighting at the church and a small sum towards the running and maintenance of the village hall.

Midway through the year, we lost one of our Councillors through resignation and I would like to thank Meriel Rees-Pullman for the time and effort she gave to the Parish Council. We now have a new member, Arthur Amos, who I am sure will be a great asset as well.

I attended a Village Hall meeting on the 1st May 2019 concerning the annual fete. I think we are in for some exciting times with a new, young committee coming together to organise it and I would urge others to join in to make this a successful event.

I would like to thank the ladies who have run the excellent Pre-School in the Village Hall over the years and who have also very kindly provided funding for the redecoration of the village hall. The enthusiastic group taking over has new and interesting ideas for the way forward and I am sure you will join with me in wishing them every success.

I also want to thank the many unsung heroes in the village. Those who cut the grass in the churchyard, organise coffee mornings in the church, pick up the litter on the A49, maintain the Bowling Green and run or belong to all of the clubs that help to fund the Village Hall.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Parish Council members for their support and hard work over the last year and I have a special thank you for Karen, our Clerk, who with her knowledge and experience, has helped me carry out my role as your Chairman.

Thank you.

J. Slater (Chairman)