

Cotesbach Parish Council

The Chairman of the Parish Council's report to the Parish Council

14th May 2018

The council has met 5 times over the past year as per usual. During that year, Aubrey Adcock stepped down as Chairman and I was nominated and approved by the council to take on the position. Our thanks once again to Aubrey for his time and commitment over the years.

We also welcomed Livvy Newton as a councilor, who has quickly taken on the role as Parish Liason with Tarmac, ensuring Cotesbach is well represented within the operations of the Shawell Quarry and Landfill site. Good to have you on board and thanks for the ongoing work Livvy.

Andy Craig also resigned from the council having served for a number of years.

Our current members are therefore Margaret Wild – Councillor and Clerk; Tom Haywood; Livvy Newton and myself. We are continuing to look for Andy's replacement, preferably with an interest to take on the role of Clerk as this was meant to be a temporary position for Margaret who's been doing it for almost 3 years.

The Parish Council's primary activities involve highways, the Shawell Quarry and Landfill, planning (large scale and local scale), village amenities such as the village pond and defibrillator, and ensuring local residents generally live in a good community.

On the whole it has been a relatively quiet year regarding our activities and councilors have volunteered focusing on particular areas. As mentioned, for Livvy this includes the Quarry and Landfill, also recently helping liasing with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) on highways issues. Tom has offered to help on smaller-scale local planning matters (although few of such planning items have occurred recently) and monitor and maintain the defibrillator and speed signs. Margaret continues to act as the Clerk, and I have a particular focus on larger scale planning, local policy and also represent Cotesbach at the Swinford Wind Farm, Eight Parishes Community Interest Company.

To summarise some of the activities over the past year:

Highways

Regarding the A426, Livvy has maintained contact with LCC and helped to ensure the

pedestrian route to Lutterworth is better maintained. Fortunately we are not aware of any villagers or village visitors being involved in any accidents on the A426 as they enter and exit the village, and we hope it continue this way. It continues to be a busy road, although the number of late night traffic jams have decreased since the M1 / M6 intersection has been completed. As we know, the lack of a route from M6 to M1 north continues to put pressure on the A426.

Quarry and Landfill

Change of local rep, Livvy continuing contact

Mud on road

Smells

Composter not running

Planning –pulled

Planning

Local – Rectory Cottage, Gamekeepers Cottage

Larger Scale – Magna Park, 90 dwellings, Moorbarns, services

Policy

Local Plan

Leicestershire Growth Plan

Policing

Few incidents

Lack of contact with police – needs to be addressed

Village Amenities

Village pond clear outs – ongoing

Speed signs / defribb

8 parishes CIC

Website

Further things to do / improve

Village notice board

Road holes