

Chairman's Report 25th April 2013

Coming to end of my first year as Chairman so would first like to thank the other Parish Councillors for their time and support of the PC over the past year, and the Parish Clerk, Shirley Rushent, who really keeps the PC up and running.

A review of year – not in any particular order and not exhaustive.

- 1) The PC only has three 'assets', two notice boards and one bus shelter at Hilltop. Early on in the year the shelter was scribbled on by a couple of local boys and had to be dealt with quickly - a small group of villagers painted the outside - much appreciated help. The PC then decided that the shelter should be renovated so had the roof renewed. The two lads spent a couple of hours clearing away undergrowth around the shelter as compensation for their actions. Work on the shelter will be completed this year.
- 2) The village web site has been restored – funded by the PC - and many thanks to Adam Gorman for getting the site up and running. At present he maintains the site but longer term maintenance will be discussed at the next PC meeting. This facility belongs to the village – observations and suggestions concerning look and content are welcome.
- 3) The Parish Plan – funded by the PC – has been put together over the past year by the eight volunteers on the KPPSG. This document will be available by mid-year; on the village web site or on paper for a small printing fee. Many thanks to the members of KPPSG for their time and contributions – in particular Brian Woolley, Jim Reilly and Olaf Chedzoy.
- 4) The PC is buying a plaque for the tree planted by Sam Thorne to commemorate the Queen's coronation in 1953.
- 5) The PC is providing a contribution to the cost of the Jubilee garden behind the VH.
- 6) The A39 through the village continues to be a danger. The website will carry more information about this. Sufficient to say at present that, on average, one in six vehicles travels fast enough to, in principle, get a fixed penalty fine. This proportion doesn't seem to vary much at all. The available statistics will be placed on the web site.
- 7) Several planning applications have been passed on to us and the PC have been able to visit most of the sites in the village. We rarely make any objections but if we feel that something is not right we will make our observations known. We have no special powers or authority in respect of planning but we do review every planning application within the parish.

- 8) We have distributed half a dozen yellow road salt bins plus salt around the village.

Perhaps predictably, some of the salt has disappeared and not been used on the roads. These bins will be replenished for next winter's icy conditions.

- 9) The permissive footpath through Kilve Court, from the VH to Winrush Corner looks set to be in place by July. We have the permission of Kilve Court Management Committee. We also have a local fencing contractor who will do the work and most importantly, the money. 20% of the funding comes from two sources - the PC and Somerset CC. The rest of the funding - 80% - has been secured but details cannot be made public until the end of May.

- 10) Two things in which we looked at but decided not to take action:

The pond in Sea Lane. A mixed response – some say it is a danger and needs clearing out, others say it isn't and is best left to nature. We think it is best left to the owner to manage.

Flooding in Sea Lane. A few cottages have been flooded this winter with several other householders at times very concerned about the water level in their gardens. There's not a lot we can do provided the drains are not blocked and the culverts clear. The main problem, apart from the weather, is probably the way the land is used and drained – especially to the west of the road. This is really a matter between the landowners; as far as we know the PC doesn't have any powers to assist here.

Alan Keen

Chairman, Kilve Parish Council

25/04/2013

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chairman – to PC, other Councillors and the Public.
2. Apologies
3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2012
4. Matters arising
5. Report from the Chairman
6. Report from County Councillor
7. Reports from District Councillor.
8. Reports from Representatives of Local Organisations/Clubs
9. AOB

Tomorrow, 26th 1130 VH, Cannington students presentation of VH garden designs - all welcome.