

Annual Report 2011

This has been my fourth and final year as Chairman. I would like to thank all our Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk, for their support during the year and I still think Alconbury has a very proactive Council which endeavours to take action whenever possible on all sorts of activities that are put before it. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our County and District Councillors who are always very willing to help us in any way they can, especially during the last 12 months. I feel we all work well as a team.

I was very pleased to welcome Gordon Barnes and Tom Boyce to the Parish Council at the Annual Parish meeting last year. They have both played an active role within the council and have fitted into the team well.

There have been several projects commenced and completed over the last year. The allotments saw the first anniversary of their opening. Over the last year, the Parish Council have completed work and funding on a borehole. Also, the Parish Council allotment representatives managed to secure a grant of £3,668 from the Big Lottery Fund which will be sufficient to complete the fencing, hedging and access track at the site.

The Parish Council are extremely pleased to have been able to secure the future of the Youth Group with the help of County Councillors and local businesses. With the cuts in funding, the Youth Group's future was looking bleak at the start of 2011 but with hard work from County Councillors and very generous offers from local businesses, there is now a 3 year business plan in place and a much brighter future. The Youth Group is an important and vital amenity to the village and was re-launched on 1st April as The Alconburys Youth Club.

The Council has been keen to work with local businesses and were very pleased to see the redevelopment of the shop and Post Office. This has become a well used and successful amenity and has been well received by the Village. We wish them well in the future.

We have continued to publish the bi-monthly Newsletter which I think is still very popular. I feel it is very important to keep the community as up to date as possible with Parish Council activities.

The Parish Council has continued to financially support various groups within the village and have donated £1700 to associations and causes within Alconbury. We have continued to allocate monies for the new financial year, so if any local groups require financial assistance please contact our Parish Clerk.

Personally I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years as Chairman of Alconbury Parish Council; I've been honoured to work with some fantastic Parish, District and County Councillors and Clerks over my tenure. Our village is proud of what you have achieved over the last four years and long this may continue. I'm sad to stand down, however assured that the next chair will take our Parish Council to the next level.

David Senior - Chairman