

It does not seem possible that I have already completed my first year as Chairman. I would like to thank my Parish Clerk who has worked very hard and all our Parish Councillors who have been very supportive. We are fortunate with our District and County Councillors as they always keep us informed of any developments and support us whenever possible.

Unfortunately three Councillors have decided to step down, due to personal reasons and I thank David Senior, Tom Boyce and Gordon Barnes for the time they have given to their community.

The Parish Council has continued to be very proactive and has worked on several projects in the village. We are very pleased to report that having received a grant from the Big Lottery Fund; the Council has now completed the fencing, hedging and access track at the allotments. The footpath which crossed the allotments was, earlier in the year, officially diverted around the outside of the allotments and we continue to work with the Stukeleys Parish Council to try and rejoin the pathways between our two villages.

We are delighted that the village shop is such a success and thank the Lehal family for their hard work in making this so successful.

The Youth Group continues to be very successful as the number of children attending keeps growing. The Parish Council thanks the local businesses and County Councillors for their support, without which the Youth Group would have folded. A number of parents help out at the monthly meetings, but more volunteers are always needed. Please give a few hours to help them.

We have until now managed to produce our bi-monthly newsletter, which is delivered to every household in the village. However, as the majority of our Councillors work fulltime, we are finding it difficult to produce it so frequently. We may now only publish it 3 or 4 times a year, but we shall try to keep you up to date with Parish Council activities.

We have funded repairs at both playgrounds (Bramble End and Alconbury Sports & Social Club) and have also had the playgrounds resurfaced. Hopefully they will continue to be used, but not abused.

The Parish Council continues to support village groups and this last year gave £750 to support them. We are also holding a 'participatory budgeting' session at the end of this meeting, when local groups have the opportunity to give a short presentation about themselves and why they require extra funding. There is £500 to share and the decision is made by the groups and not us!

We do enjoy hearing from our parishioners and ask them to come along to any of our monthly meetings

During the coming year

- We will continue to encourage the bus company, Stagecoach, to not reduce the service within our village.
- We will work very closely with urban & Civic on all aspects of the development at Alconbury Airfield and fight to ensure that the only 'Alconbury' is our village!
- We shall work with neighbourhood watch in trying to reduce the traffic speed throughout the village.

I have enjoyed the year and if voted in look forward to continuing for another.

Judith Aylott - Chairman