

Westcott Parish Meeting 2015 – 16

Chairmans Report

Welcome to the Westcott parish meeting which is the opportunity for the people of Westcott to discuss issues and to put forward ideas for the way they would like the village to be.

The Chairmans report is my opportunity to let you know what we have achieved in the last year and what we are hoping to achieve in the future.

We started the year with a new council. Only three candidates stood for election meaning we had to fill four vacancies. Two previous councillors came forward and two brand new councillors came on board ensuring we were back to full strength.

Representatives from the Parish Council attend many meetings. This year we have attended meetings with the Venture park management, Bucks Recycling, Local area forum, Transport meetings and many others. Both of our new councillors have attended new councillor training.

In July a new monthly lunch club for the senior members of the community was started with the assistance of Community Impact Bucks. I am pleased to say this is going from strength to strength with an expected attendance of 30 members for May.

We set out our stall at the Westcott Funday in the summer in an attempt to raise our profile in the community. This was deemed a success and we hope to attend further similar events.

We have now had two successful clean up days in the village doing some general tidying and litter picking together with some more complex projects like pressure washing the bus shelter, filling a hole in the village green and

refurbishing the village pump. I hope we will continue with these and would like them to be at least an annual event.

Much work was also done in the autumn to refurbish the war graves. Grateful thanks to Grahame for all the work undertaken.

Much time was spent over the year trying to arrange some sort of affordable speed mitigation. After seemingly endless discussions and meetings we were eventually unable to progress the vehicle activated signs we had hoped to purchase.

The problems with the noise from Bucks Recycling on the Venture Park is ongoing. A monitoring system has been put in place, we are liaising with AVDC, Bucks CC and Bucks Recycling to try and resolve this. Hopefully completion of phase one of the bund will deal with the issue. This is I believe on track for June.

So lots of hard work has taken place on your behalf and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for all their work and also extend my thanks to our clerk Alan Lambourne who keeps us on the straight and narrow and makes my job so much easier.