

Hatley Parish Council

Chair's Report

In addition to our 5 ordinary general meetings held this year, the PC has held 4 planning meetings which have focussed on applications from Moat Farm, Cambridge Gliding Club, St Denis Church, 51 East Hatley and the Old School House.

This year we have received a grant of £500 from the National Association for Local Councils towards our new website. We hope it will go live later this year and would like to extend thanks to Peter Mann and Cllr Jenkins for all their hard work and research which has brought us to this point.

The village hall has had some improvements this year; it now has a fridge, additional outdoor lighting and the potholes in the car park have been tarmac'd. Our lettings continue to increase which is good news and we would like to thank our keyholders, Linda Hudson and Mervyn Lack, for their commitment and hard work in keeping the hall in good order and ready for any bookings.

The playground project has moved at a slower pace this year but we hope to order a roundabout in the near future. We have secured funding from Tesco's bags for help and £1000 from SCDC's Community Trust.

The council has installed 3 deer crossing signs at 3 locations around the village. We successfully secured additional financial assistance from Croydon and Gamlingay PCs for which we are very grateful. We hope the signs have the desired effect on motorists both local and from further afield.

Work has begun on St Denis Church; due to the slowness of SCDC's planning dept the work did not start until early 2018 although the original plan had been to get going last summer. However contractors are now on site regularly and it's clear that work is proceeding well.

The HVA held a very successful fete on the village green last summer and their coffee mornings continue to attract a healthy number of residents. The PC are grateful for the funds the HVA raise and appreciate the positive effect the coffee mornings have on the community.

We had to postpone the litter pick because the weather was so bad and it went ahead on 8th April. 14 residents generously gave up their Sunday mornings and collected 24 bags of rubbish.

Thank you to Sebastian Kindersley and Bridget Smith, our District Councillors, they have been reliable in their attendance over the years and always willing to offer help, advice and assistance. We will miss Bridget at our meetings but look forward to our continuing relationship with Sebastian who continues to represent us in his County Councillor role.

Thank you to my fellow councillors for your commitment to the PC and to Kim Wilde, our clerk, who puts in a massive amount of work to ensure the smooth running of the PC.

Thank you to all Hatley residents who regularly attend and contribute at meetings.

We welcome Heather Williams, our new District Councillor, and look forward to working with her over the next 4 years.

