

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am writing this report due to the ill health of Mr. John Bennett who was chair for the previous 12 months, I am Ray Mellor and was vice chair for this period of time.

My first meeting at the parish hall was just after the renovations to the same. There were tributes to the previous chair Kevin Kirkham and parish councilor Tracy Stafford for their contribution to the project, they had left the parish council at the same time.

I was concerned that the renovations did not take disabled access into account which meant disabled people were excluded from any activities there both now and in the future. Discussions over this issue were minuted and concluded with the acquisition of an architect to redesign the toilet block so that we can at the very least comply with current legislation.

The defibrillator at Sterndale moor was next item requiring attention and after conversing with a local resident we had longnor and flash first responders check the defibrillator and replaced the pads as a result of this.

Steve Mansfield, clerk to the parish started training Tarrah Staden in her role as assistant clerk due to ill health. Steve has left his position now and Tarrah has stepped in to take over the role. I am sure everybody will want to join me in thanking Steven for his years of service and wish him all the best for the future and to thank Tarrah for stepping into the breach.

The playground at Sterndale moor has been a concern over the last 12 months, we obtained a quote from playdale as a starting point as we needed to make repairs so it also made sense to look at the task of replacing the playground. It was obvious from the start that should we undertake the replacement it would not be done in a hurry so repairs were made to keep up with maintenance of the playground.

The jubilee celebrations were a huge success and I would like to thank local resident Ralph Horne and Jill Jones for all their hard work to make this a success. The coronation was also celebrated at Brandside parish hall and enjoyed by many.

The parish council has had local issues such as the noticeboard at Sterndale moor was vandalized and after consultation with Sterndale moor club it was agreed to supply a noticeboard which was fastened to the clubhouse wall and is maintained by the Sterndale moor action group.

Grit bins were a regular problem over this time especially at Sterndale moor where the ex vice chair Lloyd Melland had been snow warden for the area, unfortunately Lloyd left both the parish council and the warden scheme to give himself time for his own projects. The parish council bought grit locally and provided same for the residents to fill the shortfall. Moving on we have recently spoke with Sterndale moor community action group who are considering having a snow warden in the village to enable them to obtain grit from Derbyshire county council.

Finally I would like to thank the councilors who have recently left their positions on the parish council for all their hard work and wish them the best for the future, the parish councilors who have left in this period are Kevin Kirkham, Tracy Stafford, and Loyd Melland. The councilors who have not stood for reelection are John Bennett, Andrew Bennett and Steve Wardle. The councilors who did stand for the election process were myself, Simon Oliver and Michael Staden. We are in need of representation for the East ward of our parish and believe we may have a candidate. I should congratulate the new councilors on their appointments and thank them for their commitment I look forward to working alongside them for the good of the community.