

# **Christleton Parish Council**

## **Chairman's Report 2019**

### **Introduction**

I am honoured to present the Chairman's Report on the activities of Christleton Parish Council over the 2018-2019 year.

### **Membership**

Membership of the Parish Council is now at full strength.

### **Council over the 2018-2019 year**

#### **Planning**

This year the village had another major planning application from Christleton Law College (Christleton Hall) and the Parish Council put in detailed objections to this application which was subsequently refused. The Beechmoor Nurseries application also went to appeal. Cllr Henley attended the appeal hearing and we now await the Inspector's decision. Christleton Hall also appealed the decision by CW&C to refuse planning permission but this appeal was subsequently withdrawn. We await the next planning application for this site.

The Parish Council also continued to consider each planning application made in the Village and, where it deemed it appropriate to do so, submitted comments to the planning authority.

#### **Traffic and Road Safety**

A further survey of the 20mph zone was carried out in November 2017. We received the analysis of the results in September 2018. The speeds recorded were very little different to those before the 20mph zone was installed. The Parish Council subsequently put forward a number of solutions to a Village meeting which indicated that the majority of the people who attended the meetings were in favour of installing chicanes and speed cushions. However no consensus was agreed over installing passing bays with yellow lines on the 'S' bends in the village centre. A

traffic working group has been set up with Terms of Reference which will be led by the Parish Council to look into options regarding traffic.

Two members of the Parish Council had further meetings with the Bridge Club regarding the problems with parking. It was suggested to them again that they bring forward the time for their sessions on Wednesday afternoons so that their vehicles leave the village before the school finishes. They have asked their members but have decided not to change their times.

The very successful campaign against speeding and HGVs during the night on the A41 has been repeated by the Police.

### **Allotments**

The takeover of the Boughton Heath Allotments continued to run smoothly and all plots are now occupied. There are a few names on the waiting list.

### **Christleton Schools**

The Parish Council continues to have regular meetings with the High School and these have proved to be mutually beneficial and Cllr Inall is a Governor at the Primary School.

### **Annual Open Morning**

The Annual Open Morning was held in April, and show cased the work of many organisations within the Village but attendance was poor.

### **Website**

Mr Malcolm Pratt (Councillor Pratt's husband) has been kind enough to continue maintaining the Parish Council's website throughout the year.

### **Memorial to "The Fallen of World War 1"**

The Parish Council has installed a poppy wreath on the village green to commemorate all of the fallen from the Village in the First World War.

### **The Pit**

The Pit Group have been very busy this year and have as usual kept the area around the Pit looking neat and tidy.

## Thanks and Acknowledgments

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and hard work over the last year. In particular I would like to thank;

- Cllr Luke Henley for the work he put into the planning applications at Beechmoor Nurseries and Christleton Law College.
- Cllr Simon Kent for the work he has done in relation to the traffic problems in the village.
- Cllr Janet Brown for her “green fingers” the village always looks attractive.
- Cllr Elizabeth Inall for her work with the Primary School
- Cllr Peter Tonge for his work regarding the Allotments
- Cllr Peter Scullion for his work as Bank Warden
- Cllr Susan Robson for her work regarding the planters around the Village and the new Wreath on the Village Green
- Cllr Kate Sinclair for her work on communication with the Village.
- Cllr Mike McGarva who I am sure will bring a depth of experience to the Parish Council

I would also like to thank the Cheshire West and Chester Councillors Stuart and Margaret Parker for their continuing and unfailing support.

Above all I would like to thank the Parish Clerk, Susan Thwaite, who has continued her excellent work.

Pauline Pratt

Chairman

21<sup>st</sup> April 2019