

CHAIRMANS' REPORT MAY 17th 2023

First of all thanks to all Parish Councillors for what they have done and achieved over the past year with special thanks to Angela Fenton (Slipton Ward) who has recently resigned. Thanks also to our Ward Councillors, W + D Brackenbury, and G Shacklock for their support.

As a PC we have carried out a number of activities on behalf of the residents of both our villages including:

Commenting on a range of planning applications, large and small.

Continuing to work on the Drayton Road Pocket Park and Recreation Field, both physical and organisational – the land has now been registered with the Land Registry, and a governing document is in the final stages of being prepared. Special thanks to a generous resident who kindly donated £100 towards work in the park – this enabled the two barbecues to be renovated.

Defibrillators are maintained in both communities and Angela Fenton and Lyndsey Blow diligently carry out the necessary inspections and tests to make sure this equipment is there if needed. Thanks must go to Sean Gardner, as well as Angela and Lyndsey, for arranging the CPR training.

Rights of Way – we have lobbied, and will continue to do so, NNC to ensure that blockages are removed and the paths and bridleways are accessible to all.

Highways – we are currently raising awareness of the appalling condition of the A6062 (check number) we County Highways and encourage all residents to report defects in the roads via StreetDoctor.

We continue to liaise with the Police via the various mechanisms available to us, and continue to encourage residents to access the quarterly public survey and raise awareness of issues of concern.

The PC was delighted to be able to support the tree planting as part of the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy and thank Libby Bowness for all her planning and hard work. The willow tunnel was planted back in November and we are hopeful that the spring growth will allow it to take on its final form.

The Clerk applied for a grant of £1000 for the King's Coronation celebrations which was shared on a 2/3 – 1/3 ration between the two communities enabling commemorative benches to be purchased as a permanent reminder of the occasion.

Wreaths were laid, and books of condolence made available in the porches of both churches so that residents could pay their respects to the Queen, both books have been sent to the Lord Lieutenants' office for archiving.

Poppy wreaths were also placed on both war memorials at the Remembrance Day commemorations.

After research it was not felt appropriate to initiate renovation of the Slipton war memorial at this point in time. We have however finally re-instated the streetlamp at Slipton that was lost when fire destroyed the building it was fitted to a number of years ago.

The Clerk is about to submit a grant application to the PFCC office to enable traffic calming/village gates to be installed at both Slipton and Lowick.

As we look forward to another fruitful year, we are hoping to co-opt a replacement for Angela, and also looking forward to the Village Fete and Car Show scheduled to take place in just a few weeks time

Will Childs – Chairman L&S PC