

## Chairman's Report to Folkingham Parish Council 2017/18 May 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

I consider the Parish Council has had another very successful year, thanks to the dedication and hard work of all my fellow councillors, but I wish to mention in particular Hannah and Richard who have progressed the traffic calming initiative, with regularly putting up the speed awareness signs, and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the new gateway entrances to the village.

A large proportion of our budget is spent on grass cutting, and this last year after many requests from villagers the area has been extended to include the footpath from Churchfields to Wilkie Drive and the no man's land alongside the church wall to the back of the New Inn.

The twice yearly Skip has again proved very popular, and we are grateful to Eddie Mears and the councillors who manned the skip to ensure fair play for all.

The Annual Village Fair and Dog Show was once again very successful, and the money raised will be ploughed back into village, many thanks to Hannah and Richard and their large band of helpers who made the day a winner.

This year the Parish Council have taken over the responsibility of running and maintaining the 2 Emergency Defibrillators, and our thanks go to Stuart who has agreed and is well qualified to take the duty on.

The allotments are fully occupied and remain popular with the tenants, thank you Lucy for your interest and commitment in keeping the job running smoothly.

We appreciate the continuing support of our County and District Councillors Martin Hill and Mike King who keep us up to date on what is happening at County and District level, and are always ready to offer their support for the village.

Finally a huge thank you to Emma our clerk, without her accurate budgeting and accounting the council's task would be impossible, and knowing exactly where we are each meeting makes planning future projects very straightforward.

After 12 years on the council I have decided to stand down, it has been a great privilege to play a small part in the working of the parish council, and it has been a pleasure to work with such a supportive and hardworking team, Folkingham village is a very special place and I know it will continue to progress and succeed with the enthusiastic and committed people who are now on the council.