

1. Chairman's Report - Great Bricett Parish Council

24th May 2018

On the Parish Council there are currently seven Cllrs. We hope this will continue to be the case.

Some of last year's challenges with the Village Hall have been solved. But now new challenges are in evidence. The porch area needs refurbishment and plans are afoot to lower the ceiling inside to make the acoustics better and make the Hall easier and cheaper to heat.

Unfortunately the Mace shop has closed but there is some optimism about restarting it again. We hope so. You will probably have noticed that a new Street Light has been installed at the Three Releet T Junction.

We have adopted the Phone Box at the entrance to the Green and welcome suggestions for a suitable use for it. There are plans to paint the Phone Box and replace the Perspex windows with glass.

The Budget for 2017 and 2018 has been set at a level to meet current expenditure and it should be noted that the spend for 2016-17 came in under budget. The precept has been increased overall by only £250 after being frozen some four years. The proposed use of any savings is now allocated to specific earmarked funds, one of which recommended is reserves of at least 50-150% of the precept received.

The Parish Council has been getting quotes for refurbishment of the Village Sign and the Noticeboards, hopefully these will be done during this summer, good weather being essential for this tasks. Another ongoing project being carried out by Wattisham Airfield is the creation of a new Bus Shelter, the old one is definitely past its sell by date.

Planning permission has also been passed for a mobile phone mast at the Three Releet Junction. Also outline planning has been passed for a housing development on the Business Park.

We also have some new comers to the Village, and Dawn – who lives in Mill Lane has taken on the challenge of gathering a litter picking squad together to keep the Village tidy, we thank her.

We have said goodbye to Viv Pratt and welcomed a new Clerk to the Parish Council – Jennie Blackburn. We look forward to working with her.

Sue Burnett

Chairman, Great Bricett Parish Council, May 2018