

May 16th 2019

Chairman's Report - Great Bricett Parish Council

We currently have 6 Councillors and are hoping to recruit another this year!!

The Budget for 2018 and 2019 has been set at a level to meet current expenditure and it should be noted that the spend for 2017-18 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 Village Hall and Green

The ceiling in the Village Hall has been lowered and the lighting is much improved. However new problems have now arisen as the floor is in need of attention owing to the ingress of damp, it looks as though there may be a considerable outlay to get this problem resolved.

The Green has taken a bit of a bashing owing to work being carried out on a house nearby, we have an agreement in place that this will be restored once the work is completed.

At the beginning of the year the Village Sign was returned after a total refurbishment and we are very pleased with the result, we have to thank Oliver Cooper for his assistance in lifting the sign back in to position.

Two Defibrillators have now been installed in the village – one on the village hall and one on Base Garage – thanks to them for allowing us to installed one there.

Plans are afoot to have the iconic red Telephone Box removed and refurbished to its former glory and we hope to install an information map of the village history for visitors (and locals!!) to enjoy.

The Parish Council is pleased to have been involved along with Wendy Hamilton of the Post Office and Lt Col (Rtd) Robbie Silk, Wattisham Station Staff Officer in having a mobile Post Office van made available on the car park of the old shop. This service is available 2 afternoons a week.

The mobile phone mast has been installed in the village, and we are very grateful to Robbie Silk and especially Sgt Roberts who constructed the new bus shelter with his team, we also now have a noticeboard in the bus shelter which will be much tidier.

An outline planning application has been passed for the land behind Riverside Cottage and the Brambles, the Parish Council and local residents protested about this but to no avail.

Thanks also go to Dawn who continues her regular litter pick, throughout the village.

Sue Burnett

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