

**Introduction:**

Good evening on behalf of the Parish Council I'd like to thank you all for attending. I would also like to take this opportunity of expressing the Council's sorrow in losing our late Councillor Mick Berry during the year, he has been sorely missed.

**What has your Parish Council done this year?**

Our main achievements are:

- We organised a Community Questionnaire in September 2017; which identified the Community Priorities which are embedded in the PC's Aims. Many thanks to Cllr Harrison and the Clerk for organising this.
- Safer Roads – We responded to this by organising Speed Survey in the Autumn; and have successfully set up a Voluntary Speed Watch Team with West Mercia Police Force's assistance. Many thanks to the volunteers who have signed up for this.

**So watch out and cut your speed!**

Installed gates on Olden Lane to emphasise the start of village and the need for vehicles to slow down. Many thanks to Simon Gittings for his part in this.

- Helped to meet our young peoples' needs – By funding with a £500 grant the local Youth Club run by the Nesses PC. Carried out renovation work at Birch Grove Play Area; making it more interesting for those that use it. Obtained grant funding (£2,250) for installation of new play equipment at Birch Grove; total project cost (approx £4,000); expected to be installed by late May 2018. Carrying out ongoing work at Doctors Meadow to improve play facilities in partnership with Shropshire Council.
- Street Lighting Upgrade - LED Project: This is currently ongoing as investment is considerable in achieving this. (Est. £18 - £20,000) The Council need to make the right decision. Meanwhile the Council had organised repairs to existing street lights and pays for the energy consumption.
- Improvements to Local Village Facilities – Funds have been spent on the following:
  - £2,795 for new windows to the Memorial Hall; which I'm sure you will agree are a vast improvement.
  - £529 for a 3 year maintenance & repair contract for the Church Clock.
  - £520 on providing hanging baskets throughout the village.
  - The Cliffe – We have successfully negotiated the purchase of the Cliffe; which was put on the open market. As a valued community asset; which we all enjoy the

Council is looking forward to ensuring it is properly maintained as public open space and will be working towards this goal over the next year in partnership with Shropshire Council's Countryside Team.

**To conclude:**

It has been an extremely busy year; my thanks go to your small team of parish councillors who have supported me and our Shropshire Councillor Nick Bardsley. Special thanks to the Clerk Sue Hackett and Dave Shearan who is assisting in the development of the PC's new website.