

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 welcoming our new councillor to the fold and those of you who have attended to find out more about "The Cliffe" and hopefully the Local Group or "Crew" who will be established and supporting the PC manage what in my opinion is a wonderful and much appreciated asset to our parish.....

What has your Parish Council done this year?

Our main achievements are:

- Securing the Cliffe as countryside for generations to come. We have successfully negotiated the purchase of the Cliffe; which was put on the open market. As a valued community asset; 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.
- Safer Roads Group – Have worked tirelessly to further research for "highway enhancements" which we the parish can afford to assist in educating drivers to cut their speed within the village. As you have heard 4 SID/VAS units are to be installed imminently.
Our special thanks to the Voluntary Speed Watch Team; led by Bob and Scott who with West Mercia Police Force's assistance have patrolled our local roads encouraging drivers to stick to the speed limits within the village.
Our neighbouring parishes now seek to emulate our white gates on Olden Lane. Personally I hope we can install further gates at other entrances to the village, but that's next year or the year after!
- Young people – Ever aware that the parish has no Youth Club of its own the Parish Council has continued to grant fund the local Youth Club run by the Nesses PC. Carried out repairs to Drs Meadow Recreational Ground in partnership with Shropshire Council; and installed a new piece of equipment at Birch Grove, the ever-popular basket swing.
- Street Lighting Upgrade - LED Project: This is currently ongoing and is expected to be completed by E-on soon. (Estimated costs £20,000)
- WW1 Beacon Event – Special thanks to all those involved in this event, especially our Parish Councillor Avi. It was a pleasure to attend and I know brought the community together.

To conclude:

It has been an extremely busy year; and term of office as Chairman of the PC for the last 2 years. My thanks go to our 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 indispensable in his field of technical expertise. He has developed a wonderful new website for the Parish Council which I hope you will all use as engagement is key in delivering what local people want. Cllr Andrew Johnston