

Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council - Annual Report for 2021.

Given at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th May 2021

Welcome everyone to our first face to face meeting for more than one year.

This has been an extraordinary year during which we have endured a pandemic which has dominated every aspect of our lives.

Firstly I want to take the opportunity to thank my fellow Parish Councillors, and especially our Parish Clerk, Geoffrey Brewin, all of which have contributed outstanding service to our Parish during the year. All of our meetings have been by Zoom during the period, a learning experience for us all.

The overall Parish coordinated support during the year has demonstrated what can be achieved when circumstances demand.

Usually providers of village activity groups present short reports of their performance during the year, but this has been a year during which little of normal activity has been possible. Special mention must however be recognised concerning the Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop and Post Office which has provided an invaluable social service as well as keeping essential supplies available. Our parish is very fortunate to have so many active residents willing to volunteer, often at some personal risk to help others.

The majority of the Parish Council's work concerns ongoing maintenance within the village, such as the war memorial, the playing field, the Jubilee Spinney, and local footpaths. To do this effectively we rely on the Parish lengthsmen, Derek Bradley the tree warden and Garth Lowe the footpath warden

The development at Chapel Meadow has been completed and the much delayed development at Clay Green is about to commence. This will add 21 new properties to the village.

Arising from the Chapel Meadow project the Parish has been allocated £68.5K to be used to enhance village facilities within strict guidelines. Much debate is ongoing relating to the best use of this grant having in mind the future expected demands within the Parish.

The Parish Council expects now to have its future meetings away from Zoom, hopefully enabling residents to have greater involvement. Currently a group of residents are actively engaged in changing unwelcome 4 x 4 vehicle use of Sandy Lane supported by the Council.

Efforts to improve communication with residents will continue with our Facebook page operational and continued use of our newsletter to all addresses by mail.

Brian W. Martin

Chair Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council.