

# **Pensax Parish Council**

## **Chairman's Report for Annual Parish Meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

### **Introduction**

I am pleased to present my Chair's Report for the year to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. I offer my thanks to Councillor Rob Gready for his service as Chair for the period to May 2017. I also welcome Councillors Dave Abraham and Sharon Sanders who were co-opted to the Council in 2017 and 2018 respectively. I am therefore pleased to report that we have a full complement of Councillors.

### **Planning Matters**

The Solar Farm at Stockton was granted Planning Permission by the Planning Inspectorate on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and, in the absence of any High Court Challenge to that decision, construction is due to commence prior to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020. There have been no contentious planning matters within the parish since May 2017.

### **Defibrillator**

I am pleased to report that the defibrillator installed in the village hall has not yet been used. Many thanks to Eclipse Home Care who provided CPR training and training in the use of the defibrillator.

### **BT telephone box in Menith Wood**

The Parish Council has purchased the redundant BT telephone box in Menith Wood and suggestions for future use and maintenance are requested from parishioners.

### **Traffic Speeds and Broadband**

The Parish Council has continued to lobby for traffic speed enforcement on the B4202 and in the area of Pensax Church / Pensax Court. Further enhancements to the broadband service have been sought but improvements are hampered by the fact that telephone networks are provided into 3 discrete areas of the parish from Great Witley, Clows Top and Lindridge.

### **Public Space Protection Order - Dog Fouling**

Malvern Hills District Council undertook a public consultation in 2017 which resulted in the making of a Public Space Protection Order on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 for a period of 3 years. The Order requires dog owners to remove any dog faeces deposited in public spaces. Highways, bridleways and public footpaths across agricultural and other land are defined as public spaces within the Order.

### **Smartwater Initiative**

The Council is considering the introduction of the 'Smartwater' Initiative which is being promoted by West Mercia Police as an effective deterrent to burglary and other theft crimes.

### **Pensax and Stockton Memorial**

The completion of the transfer of ownership of the Pensax and Stockton Memorial to the Council has now been achieved. Funds for maintenance of the Memorial have also been transferred. The Council thanks the Trustees, led by the late David Blakeway-Smith for their work in creating the Memorial.

**Alistair Keron**

**Chairman Pensax Parish Council**