

Appendix 1

Chairs Report 2017

The Parish Council, once again, agreed NOT to raise the Parish Precept. North Yorkshire, Selby, and both the Fire and police Authority all raised their part of the Council Tax.

During the year, because of time pressures Jenny Mitchell stood down from the PC, Thanks to Jenny for all her efforts and we were joined by Stuart Mitchell

The decision to move the street light maintenance contract to NYCC has proven to be a great success; not least financially where we have made a large saving.

The grass cutting and hanging baskets were well received by residents as was our continued cutting of the active part of the churchyard.

The allotments and the village hall continue to thrive.

Kellington play park remains a popular attraction for children from Kellington and further afield. Removing the bark and replacing it with the artificial grass (grant funded) has greatly enhanced the facility. But we have suffered with some vandalism, the smashing of the three steps on the slide could have been very expensive, but thanks to the efforts and ingenuity of Nigel Clayton we now have three brand new, vandal-proof steps. Many, many thanks Nigel. The latest damage, which we understand was done by an "adult" mis-using the equipment, namely the large two seater, slidy, swingy thing for older children (the adult has not come forward) is going to cost the residents of Kellington some four hundred pounds to repair.

We replaced the old wooden notice board with a shiny new metal one, replaced or cleaned all the street name signs in the village (adding new cul-de-sac stickers where needed) and put in two new litter bins. Kellington and the surrounding lanes continue to look spick and span, not least because of the ongoing work of residents who get out and litter-pick. Once again many thanks to them all.

To comply with the Government's "Transparency Code" every Parish Council had to have its own website. Kellington Parish Council's website is now "live" thanks to £560 grant funding.

During the year the PC have been consulted and commented on a number of planning applications; Euro-Auctions, Kellington Colliery redevelopment, Eggborough Power gas fired power station and residential proposals for Weeland Road, Hideaway and Broach Lane

The PC are working in partnership with the staff and customers of The Red Lion to get a couple of defibrillators for the village. The first one, on the gable end of The Red Lion, should be fitted shortly.

So again, it has been a pretty effective year as the PC continues to work to help make Kellington a great place to live in. And I am sure that all the members of the Council would join with me in giving thanks to our clerk Janet for the exceptional way that she has carried out her duties during the year. Thanks Janet it is appreciated, your hard work makes it very easy to be a member of Kellington Parish Council.

John McCartney
Chair – Kellington Parish Council