

Kellington Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2018

The Parish Council, once again, agreed, for the sixth year in a row NOT to raise the Parish Precept. North Yorkshire, Selby, and both the Fire and Police Authority all raised their part of the Council Tax.

I am sure that you will all be aware that The Corner shop has closed and will not be reopening. Keith and Pauline have been there it seems for ever and we all wish Pauline a speedy recovery.

The two defibrillators are now in place, one at The Red Lion and the other at the Village Hall.

The PC have agreed to switch our streetlight electricity suppliers from Npower to North Yorkshire County Council. This is expected to save us £900 this coming financial year. Coming on top of our decision to change our streetlight maintenance contract last year this decision will make our streetlights more sustainable and cheaper.

The grass cutting and hanging baskets were well received by residents in 2017, as was our continued cutting of the active part of the churchyard. The contract for the grass cutting and hanging baskets was put out for tender with Adams being our preferred option and a two year contract was duly issued to Adams.

The PC paid to remove a number of trees from the grass verge in front of the Church that were damaging the boundary wall.

The village hall continues to thrive and the Allotment Gardens are still very popular. The PC have adjusted the way the Allotment Gardens are run to ensure their long term sustainability.

During the year the PC have been consulted and commented on a number of planning applications. The application for a large development on Broach Lane was rejected by a planning inspector. The application to the rear of Manor Garth was refused by Selby Council. The Knottingley Power gas fired power station is on hold. This means that the gas pipeline that would be laid just 100 yards from Bird Lane is not now going ahead.

Kellington playpark is still very popular with children both from Kellington children and surrounding villages. Sadly, once again, we have seen some vandalism of the equipment. Nigel Clayton has been fantastic repairing the damage and saving the taxpayers many hundreds of pounds.

The PC has put up two large signs on the playpark welcoming children to their park and encouraging them to look after it.

The Christmas tree, from Crown Garden Centre looked great. Many thanks to Nigel for erecting, lighting and removing the tree.

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.

So it has been a good year for Kellington Parish Council as we work to make our community a good place to live in. We have achieved quite a lot and much of that is down to the outstanding input of our Clerk, Janet Smith, for that, thank you Janet.