

Kellington Parish Council

Chairman's Report, 2020

I would like to start by thanking our excellent Parish Clerk, Janet Smith, for her consistent hard work and support throughout the year.

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

The two defibrillators, one at The Red Lion and the other at the Village Hall continue to be kept operational.

The decision to switch our streetlight electricity suppliers from Npower to North Yorkshire County Council continues to save the taxpayers money.

The grass cutting and hanging baskets were well received by residents in 2019. 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 continued to cut the part of the St Edmunds churchyard that is still in use

The village hall continues to thrive and the Allotment Gardens are still very popular.

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.

The Christmas tree, from Crown Garden Centre looked great. Many thanks to Nigel and his elves 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. The village planters put on a great Spring display, thanks to the gardeners who put the work in to make it so.

We had one litter destroyed by a vehicle. The driver's company is paying to replace the bin.

Our community was hit by flooding, both river and groundwater (Roall Lane was closed by river floodwater and Low Road by groundwater flooding February/March 2020) and then Kellington along with all of the UK went into lockdown because of the coronavirus crisis. The PC took on the task of supporting vulnerable residents through the crisis and a “coronavirus help card” was delivered giving the local trusted telephone numbers to be used to get help.

The coffee mornings at the village hall continue to go well raising funds for; Macmillan Cancer Care, British Legion, as well as for the upkeep of the hall.

Regular Kellington Parish Newsletters have been delivered, keeping residents abreast of local news and information

So, it has been an interesting year for Kellington Parish Council. Keeping down our part of the Council Tax whilst at the same time working to help ensure that Kellington is a good place to live in are our two priorities. We, with help from many residents continue to achieve that.

John McCartney

Chairman Kellington Parish Council.