

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, ROXBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016.

At the May elections all the councillors with the exception of long serving Cllr Abbey who did not stand, were re-elected unopposed.

However your council was devastated shortly after by the death of our hard working Chairman Keith Graham who did so much for the village.

At the July meeting I was elected as Chairman and in September Cllr Hodge was appointed Vice-Chairman and Cllr Lockwood was co-opted onto the Council.

After the resignation of our Clerk Ellie Ransom, a new Clerk, Jo Curtis was appointed and I am pleased to report that she has settled in very well.

The council has liaised regularly with the Environment Agency and Biffa regarding odours from the Landfill Site, and a new permissive footpath is nearing completion.

Planning issues take up a lot of our time. This year there have been quite a few, most of which were routine such as small extensions and conservatories. However three applications were contested in their original form.

1 The building plot on North Street adjacent to number 51 was opposed on the grounds of parking. The application was eventually approved subject to additional parking restrictions.

2 The building plot on South St adjacent to no 21a was opposed on the grounds of parking and access. This application was eventually approved in a considerably modified form being a smaller building with parking restrictions.

3 An application to prune the tree in the churchyard adjacent to the old schoolhouse which is the subject of a TPO was opposed on the basis of the extent of the work to be carried out. The application was approved subject to restrictions on the work to be carried out. However the applicant went ahead to prune the tree in breach of his planning conditions. NLC has decided that a warning to the contractor is the only action that will be taken.

With the help of the Methodist Church and NLC a defibrillator is now on the wall of this building for use by anyone should the need arise.

Regular maintenance has been undertaken in the playground where we have again experienced some vandalism. The playground was closed for one day on Feb 1st to comply with the conditions of our right of way through the churchyard.

A new seat has been placed near the bus shelter to replace the one damaged by an unknown vehicle. The seat, which needed renovation was provided by NLC free of charge.

Once again your council has kept our precept at the same level as the previous year.

The Council website is up and running and is regularly updated by our Clerk. We are in the process of extending the History section, and to comply with the new Transparency Code our annual financial report will be posted on it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, our Clerk, our bus shelter and playground wardens and our church clock winder for the help they have given and the work they have undertaken during the year.