

## **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH 2017**

Good Evening For those that don't know me – I'm Sue Tait.

Welcome to the Nafferton Parish AGM.

There are 13 seats on Parish Council , a number of your Parish Councillors are here today.

During this year we have had 4 Parish Councillors leave and 4 new councillors join, leaving us with no vacancies at this time. Thanks and appreciation to to all the parish councillors who have given their time voluntarily throughout the year, whether or not they are still on the Parish Council for the coming year, and welcome to our new Council members.

The Parish Council are responsible for:

Grass cutting and village maintenance.

The Mere.

Jubilee Gardens, benches, the notice boards and various open spaces in the village.

The bus stop.

The village playground .

The war memorial.

Commenting on planning applications, licence applications and local plans.

And we are also the sole Trustee of our village's Recreation Club charity, more of which in the Rec Club AGM.

We can also help with other matters, such as highways, which are the responsibility of the ERYC.

### **Village Maintenance:**

Maintenance committee had another good year, with no major works required other than standard repairs, and we find the village in a reasonable state of repair for 2017.

Thanks to the Maintenance team from PC and Steve Kirkwood who does the grasscutting round the village and other maintenance

Dog fouling continues to be an issue, despite notices around the village and editorials in the newsletter. We are intending to add the painting of the pavement signs in regards to no fouling signs to the handyman schedule.

**Flooding:**

The Flood committee continue to work with East Riding to improve our infrastructure, and thankfully we have had no major flood issues in the prior year.

**The Mere:**

Thank you very much to those PC members and volunteers that helped clean up the Mere on in Dec, especially Simon Wildridge who's tractor made the job significantly easier going! The cleanup uncovered a number of unwanted items - old push bikes, scooters, car batteries, road signs and traffic cones to name a few! As we are sure you will agree the cleanup has made a great improvement to the aesthetics of the Mere, especially from the railings on Priestgate, so please help us to keep it looking as good by disposing of your rubbish appropriately.

We completed the annual sluice maintenance and adjusted the sluice boards to ensure most of the flow is drawn below the water line - this has significantly reduced the surface flow and therefore the likelihood of ducklings being drawn through the sluice (a risk which which was risk assessed as 'small' by the RSPCA previously) is further reduced.

Water quality - Yorkshire Water believes they have identified the source of the cross contamination into the Mere and are working with the householder to resolve the problem. We are led to understand this has all been fixed now and they should be removing the sandbags/ haybales on the horsewash very soon.

**We have a few additions to PC assets in the year:****Apple Press:**

The Parish Council have been gifted the Apple Press from Nafferton Millennium Committee. It is available for all parishioners to use, so please contact the Parish Clerk should you wish to make use of this equipment. Its an appropriate time to thank the Nafferton Millennium Committee for all their hard work over the years and the fantastic fundraising the did which has benefitted many groups in the village, the PC and the Rec Club being but a few.

**Defibrillator:**

The village defibrillator is now situated on the outside of Lavender Court, 32–34 High Street. The instructions for use are simple and are on the equipment. Thanks are given to the Scarecrow team of Caroline Martinson and Karen Novak for their hard work and fundraising to make this happen. I understand they are working on funding for a 2<sup>nd</sup> one due to the size of the village.

**Phone Boxes and Citizens Kiosk**

We have applied for transfer of the village Phone Boxes that were due to be removed by BT through lack of use to PC ownership. We need to arrange to get these cleaned up and have discussed options for use such as a book drop, and an area to post village notices. We were intending to move one to Jubilee Gardens to replace the destroyed Noticeboard there but BT have confirmed they must remain in situ.

We have also transferred the Citizens Kiosk that was due to be destroyed by ERYC to PC ownership. Its acting as storage currently.

### **Noticeboard:**

The Parish Council Noticeboard at the Mere was destroyed during a runaway vehicle incident in 2016. We have received an insurance payout to cover the replacement. In the meantime Parish notices are placed on the noticeboard at the Village Hall, and the Nafferton Website.

### **Remembrance Day Service:**

A great number of villagers gathered at the War Memorial to pay their respects to those that have lost their lives or been injured in many conflicts around the world. Thanks go to all involved in the service. This year it was organised by Cllr Paul Nicholson. Captain Ade Swann read the citation, and Reverends Hillary Boon and Robert Amos led the service in All Saints Church, which was very well attended. Thanks go to the bugler Andrew Grace, and to members of the Scouting and Girl Guiding groups who were very smartly turned out and respectful during the proceedings. We intend to continue to organise this each year.

### **Website:**

The Parish Website is being maintained and all legal requirements for information communication are being met. Thanks to Maureen Taylor has been supporting Carl Darbinson from the PC in keeping the information up to date.

Parish council meetings are usually held the 2nd Wed in each month, 7.30pm , and we've at the Rec Club. All parishioners welcome at all meetings and there is an Open Forum for discussion points.

All monthly minutes are recorded and uploaded onto the Nafferton.net website if anyone is interested in further details.

Anyone interested in volunteering to support the Parish Council activities please contact Anne Tyler , Parish Clerk