

Bewcastle Parish Council Chairman's Report. May 2017.

This last year the Parish Council has got its website going well with some local organisations having a page to publicise their activities. There is also a Parish Notice Board to publicise events. This is a free service so we do hope as many groups as possible will take advantage of this offer.

We continue to campaign for better Broadband speeds for the more far-flung members of the parish as well as better mobile phone coverage. We have replaced the rotten posts in the Playing Field dyke and adjusted the gate. We have given a generous donation to the Public Hall to help with the high cost of insurance and continue to take advantage of the City Council Annual Village Hall Grant. We gave a donation to the G.N.A.A.S. on behalf of the Parish to acknowledge the wonderful work they do. We also gave donations towards the fabric of the two churches.

I would like to thank all the people who do so much in a voluntary capacity to keep the Parish and the Community going. Frank takes a lot of the responsibility for the cemetery and James and Isobel work very hard to keep the Playing Field so nice. Mary keeps the bus shelter clean and sees that the bins are emptied. Catherine our clerk does many unseen jobs to help other organisations when some of us are a bit stumped with all this modern technology. Thank you Catherine. Thanks too to all the Parish Councillors for their time and effort.

Sadly it is not all sweetness and light. The Parish Council are very disappointed that after about thirty years of campaigning, attending meetings and getting up petitions to get a speed limit in Roadhead to protect the vulnerable it is not being adhered to. We do hope things will change.

Last but by no means least we are delighted that Val Tarbitt our councillor has been re-elected. She works so hard on our behalf and is always there for everybody. We also hope that David Shepherd our City Councillor is now feeling better after his recent illness. Our good wishes and many thanks to you both.