

Cosby Parish Council
Chairman's Report
Year to May 2019

This last year has seen a lot of change and progress. I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their diligent work. We have a strong and active Parish Council.

Alison Wood joined us as Parish Clerk and RFO. In the 6 months she was with us she proved very effective and hardworking.

Les Phillimore, who has been a Parish and District Councillor for Cosby for a number of years, chose to resign as a Parish Councillor and stand for the post as Temporary Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. He was appointed on 15 hours per week from November 2018. This month his appraisal with Cllrs Cheryl Pharoah, Jean Chapman and Veronica Rye confirmed that he had exceeded the performance that might reasonably be expected on only 15 hours and he was confirmed as Temporary Parish Clerk and RFO until the end of the year.

Cllr Veronica Rye, as well as being Vice Chair accepted the role as the Parish Council Representative at Cosby Primary School in September 2018.

Cllr Paul Cave resigned as Parish Councillor.

Cllr Alan Tanner retired as Parish Councillor and we must thank him for many years of dedicated work for the Parish Council.

Jane Wolfe joined as Parish Councillor in April 2019.

Thanks to the Refuse Officer and the Temporary Cemetery Officer for their hard work during the year.

The Conservation Volunteers must be thanked for their work at Victory Park on Bramble Walk in July 2018.

The Open Spaces Working Group successfully installed the Outdoor Gymn Equipment and Table Tennis Table in the Park.

The Remembrance Parade in November was a tremendous success and Cllr Veronica Rye should be thanked for her organisation.

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The Christmas lights were extended in December and the lights as well as the street market and switch on event were a great success. Thanks for Cllr Paul Suffield for his work on the Christmas lights. And many thanks for Sam Peake of Cosby Co-op for their support.

Sarah Chapman was appointed Administrative Assistant on 10 hours per week in May 2019.

32 affordable houses are nearing completion on the Rural Exception Site on Croft Road. There has been a strong take up from Cosby residents for these houses.

The Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Plan continue their hard work and successfully completed a consultation of all parishioners. The NP should be completed before the end of 2019 and offered to the parishioners for their acceptance and approval.

Finally I have found my stint as Chairman of the Council stimulating and worthwhile. I am very confident that Cllr Veronica Rye will prove ma dynamic Chairperson.