



NORTH BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting.

Mr Tony Deacon was co-opted to the Parish Council last April; there has been no further changes of Councillors this year. .

Over the year the Parish Council has dealt with many planning applications, all our comments have been recorded in our monthly meeting Minutes. We have not had any major planning applications this year, except a proposal of 120 houses in Drynham Lane. We are still monitoring the ongoing 2026 Core Strategy and the re-siting of the Trowbridge Town Boundaries.

A large number of meetings are also attended by the Chairman and Councillors covering a variety of subjects. In addition we attend the Trowbridge Area Board meetings, the Parish Council Liaison meetings, the Wiltshire Alliance of Local Councils (WALC) and other ad hoc meetings which we are invited to attend. Some of the subjects covered were: Buses – success here in that last month we have had assurances that the First Bus route through North Bradley will be reintroduced within the next couple of months; Solar Farms – we have had 3 applications for Solar Farm around the Parish, these we objected to, but they have been approved, Flooding in Ireland and Scotland – after a lot of diligent work by Cllr Horace Prickett this situation is still ongoing; Car parking on the Common – our Parish Bye-laws state it is illegal to park on the Common, so we cannot allow a car Park to be made for the DaubenyHouse; Our local MP Andrew Murrison held “meet with the local Parish Councils” – not very well attended but very worthwhile; the Governance Boundary changes are still being discussed, at present we are awaiting Wiltshire Council to deliberate; WW1 Memorial ongoing - a Poppy is added to the Memorial at the Baptist Church on the Anniversary of the death of a local serviceman.

All of the Councillors have areas of responsibility, which they undertake to enable the smooth running of the Parish. But just to highlight some areas we have needed to focus our efforts on this year are:

Councillor Alf Moreton has continued the kissing gate project.

Councillor Mrs Lee Lee again arranged a successful Village Tidy Up and is heavily involved with Parish Group meetings, the Allotment Committee and Schools Liaison. She is also now arranged “local” Parishioners start litter picking on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year.



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Councillor Nick Crangle is our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and is currently coordinating the Community Speedwatch within the Parish; this has been approved for three sites within North Bradley. Quite a few motorists have had warning notices. This is still ongoing, so watch out, the speed cameras are out there. The highest speed recorded this year was 48 mph again in Woodmarsh. He is also our Website Manager.

This year we produced 4 newsletters, which are now published on our website. So far we have had only a couple of requests to send out a hard copy.

The Parish Council has met 12 times over the last year.

The Policing of the Parish has changed over the year with PC Mark Hough now moved on to a coordinating role based in Trowbridge with a new Inspector, James Brain who we knew as Sgt James Brain a couple of years ago. We are still well served by PCSO Ella-Maria Badder.

On a very sad note we have to say goodbye to our dedicated and hardworking Clerk Judy. She has diligently worked on the Parish's behalf over the last 7 or so years. To show her dedication she even took her laptop on holiday to South Africa and still carried on working. Judy will be sorely missed by my-self and all the other Councillors. So from all of us a big THANK YOU.

I would like to now welcome Karin Elder who will be joining us as our new Clerk from April.

In conclusion, I would like to thank every one of the Parish Councillors for all their work, their advice and support.

Councillor Roger Evans
Chairman