

EXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016/17

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Councillors for their hard work and support over the last twelve months.

We have achieved so much of which we can be proud:

- Completing our new toilet block in the village, which fits in well with its surroundings.
- Obtaining grants to cover the cost of the toilets which has meant that none of the costs have had to come out of the village budget.
- New rubber surface for the children's play area. A special thanks to Brian Martin for his fund raising towards the cost of this.
- We were one of the first councils to go digital to look at planning applications and we purchased a new projector to enable us to do this.
- We have continued to liaise with Somerset County Council Highways to keep our roads in reasonably good condition, although we have more to do to keep the white lines painted. This is always an ongoing job.
- The village litter pick was again very successful and our thanks go to the volunteers from the village who came and helped.
- The village green is being kept very tidy and continues to look good. We are pleased with the way the contractor keeps the grass cutting up to date and have had many comments from other parishes on how well our village green looks.

By the Council continuing to obtain various funding from outside sources the Council is now financially secure.

I must now thank our excellent Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Laycock for all the work she has done over the past twelve months. Thank you, Jane, you make my job so much easier.

In the coming year, we will continue to work hard for the village.

We want to:

- Tidy the raised path along Edgcott Road and beyond.
- Get the white lines painted-again!
- Get all the signposts in the Parish painted, something which is dragging on for too long.
- We are currently looking into buying a sound system for the village.
- The Council will in the future be doing a survey into the housing needs of the village and the need for more affordable homes.
- A project to build some small industrial units is also in the pipeline.

Mike Ellicott
Chairman Exford Parish Council
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