

EXFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

Held on 24th May 2016 at Exford Memorial Hall 7pm

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Cllr Mike Ellicott reported on another very successful year for the Parish Council.

The major project for past 12 months has been progressing the building of new public toilets in the village. All the funds are now in place and as soon as they were received the builders were instructed. The ground work should start imminently, with an estimated build time of 6 weeks. Additional funding has been sourced to provide LED lighting powered by a roof panel and rechargeable batteries.

The QEII Field Management Committee is running well enabling the user groups to make good use of the playing field. A programme of maintenance and improvements continues.

There has been another successful year in keeping the village tidy and the village green is being well maintained on a regular basis by our current contractor.

The village green play area continues to be popular and Cllr Brian Martin is currently sourcing funding to provide a new, longer lasting, play area surface.

The Parish Council has been successful in bidding for funding to enable us to fulfil our obligations under the new Transparency Code legislation. This has covered the purchase of a laptop, printer/copier and training together with the costs of setting up a website. Cllr Martin and Clerk to the Council, Jane Laycock have worked hard to develop the site and we understand that our website is now being used as an example to other parishes in Somerset.

Looking forward, in addition to the projects above, a village tea party is being held on Sunday 12th June to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th birthday and this should be an enjoyable day for the whole village.

Cllr Ellicott concluded by thanking the Councillors and Clerk for all their hard work and dedication during the year.