

Chairman's Report

This has been my first year as chairman and I have to admit I'm still adapting to the role. So it's a big thanks to my fellow councillors for their support and help over the year.

It has been a fairly quiet year for the council with nothing too controversial happening in the village. A number of small scale planning applications have been made throughout the year with only a couple where the council felt they needed to register any objection.

An increase was made to the parish precept of £250 for maintenance of the council website and general inflationary costs.

A donation was received from Cotherstone Clowns, which has been ring fenced amongst the council funds, to be used for the upkeep of the village defibrillator.

There have been a few changes throughout the year in the position of our council clerk. Thank you to Kathryn, Alison and Jenny for the work they have done and welcome to our new clerk Rachel.

2017 was election year for the council and Keith Harrow decided to step down and thanks to him for his contribution. The other 6 councillors were returned unopposed, so the council will currently be running one member short.

Finally thanks to Alan and his team for the Christmas tree display and to Gerry, Barry and David for keeping the greens and cemetery in great condition.

John Birkett

Chairman