

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2010/2011

It gives me great pleasure to present to you my report for the past 12 months.

Your council has met 6 times during the past year.

**Planning** A number of planning applications have been received and comments where appropriate have been made to Uttlesford District Council.

**The Play equipment** on the recreation ground has been inspected and repaired as required.

**Allotments** are being tended well by the holders. At present we do have 2 plots for rent. These have been advertised in the Parish News.

**Litter Picking Sessions** Two litter picks have been held during the year with a few volunteers turning up each time. My goodness you could certainly see where we had been. Sadly it is not long before it all appears again. Uttlesford District Council has provided the Parish Council with our own High Vis Jackets Litter Picks and Rubbish Bags. They are stored at my house please, if any one feels the urge to pick up litter call any time and I will gladly set you up with the gear.

**Donations** A donation of £100 was given to the P.C.C. towards maintenance of the churchyard

**Highways.** Councillor Robert Reynolds has met with highways twice during this year pointing out our problems and needs for the Parish. They have agreed to erect new signs at each end of the village shortly. Speeding remains a problem we have made enquiries about the possibility of getting the existing speed limit extended but have been informed that there is not much hope of that happening.

**Grass cutting.** This year saw our first year as agents for Essex County Council Highways for highway trimming. As it was a success we have decided to remain as agents again this year. Our thanks to Councillor Caton for arranging for the contractor to do the cutting of verges.

**Keeres and Round Bush Green** have been cut twice during the year; I would like to thank the Reynolds Family as always for making a splendid job of this.

**Geoffrey Reynolds** has decided to stand down from the Parish Council this year. He has been a councillor here at Aythorpe Roding since 1973 including a number of years as Chairman. On behalf of the Parish Council I wish to thank him for all he has done for this parish, and I am sure that he will continue to take an interest in Parish matters and remain a valuable source of information and valuable knowledge with regard to Aythorpe Roding.

**Finance** It was agreed that due to the current economic situation that there would be no increase to the Parish Precept. We will live within the previous year's budget. Pat will give us a financial report next. On behalf of ARPC I would like to thank you Pat

for all your hard work. You keep us up to date with new legislation and you are a constant source of information.

Our thanks also go to Councillor Susan Barker, who very rarely misses one of our meetings and keeps us well informed on District and County matters.

The Parish Council appreciate the commitment she makes to the parishes that are included in her responsibilities as a District and County Councillor.

Finally, thanks to the members of the council for all the support that you have given me throughout the last year.