

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2012/2013

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

The council has continued as in previous years to meet by monthly, always on the second Monday in the month. Councillors have remained the same this year.

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

Play equipment on the recreation ground has been inspected and if required we will carry out repairs. The cricket club have erected a new fence round the edge of the ground. This is to help keep wild life such as deer, badgers and rabbits out and balls in. Some folks whose properties back on to the ground were up set about the fence when work first started, but now work has finished I am sure that they have to agree that it looks just fine.

Highways Councillor Robert Reynolds and Pat continue to contact them pointing out our problems and needs for the Parish. Councillor Barker has told us that the By way from Collins Farm to the High Easter Road where 4 by 4 vehicles have caused problems has now been put on a list and will be dealt with during the next year.

Grass Cutting - We continue to be responsible for trimming our verges acting as agents for Essex County Council Highways.

Keers Green and Roundbush Green have been cut twice during the year. As usual we thank the Reynolds family for making a splendid job.

Pat was able to obtain a grant for water to be installed at the allotments. Robert is liaising with Affinity Water and installation should be very soon.

A Housing needs survey has been carried out by the RCCE. As well as Aythorpe Roding it included High, Leaden, Margaret and White. We will know the results later.

We have continued to provide a green skip for garden waste. Sharing with High and Leaden Roding keeps the cost down. It comes to our village every 3rd Sunday.

Our thanks go to Councillor Barker, who does her best to attend our meetings, to inform us on both 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.

Finance - It was agreed that there would be a small increase to the Parish precept for the coming year. Pat will give us her financial report next. On behalf of ARPC I would like to thank you Pat for all your hard work keeping us on the straight and narrow. This council could not function without you.

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