CHAIRMANS REPORT 2011/2012

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.

This year we welcomed Councillor Stephen Reynolds on board. I hope that you have enjoyed your first year Stephen and that you will continue to do so in the future.

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

Highways Councillor Robert Reynolds and Pat continue the up hill struggle with highways pointing out our problems and needs for the Parish..

Recreation Ground The play equipment has been inspected and if required we will carry out repairs. During the year the Recreation Council disbanded. This was due to lack of local interest. Their responsibilities have been taken on by the Parish Council.

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

Grass Cutting We continued to be responsible for trimming our verges acting as agents for Essex County Council Highways. Finance was less than the previous year and we were paid for 2 cuts instead of 3. However James did a good job for us and we hope he will continue to do tidy our verges for us during 2012.

Keeres and Roundbush 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.

Litter Picking The recent litter pick had to be cancelled due to torrential rain. Another one will be arranged probably after the verges have been cut.

Allotments. Continue to be tended well by the holders and we will be applying for a grant to install a water supply to make life easier for the folks to grow their produce.

Finance It was agreed that there would be a small increase to the Parish Precept for the coming year, 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 speed with new legalisation and you are a constant source of information. This council could not function without you.

Our thanks also go to Councillor Susan Barker, who does her best to attend our meetings. And keeps us well informed 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.

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