

## CHAIRMANS REPORT 2013/2014

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. As in previous years the cricket club have kept the grounds looking really neat and tidy. It is a credit to their groundsmen.

Highways We continue to contact them pointing out our problems and needs for the Parish. The council will be asking highways if it is possible to lower the existing speed limit to 30 m.ph. and have a 40m.ph. extension at both ends.

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.

Water has finally been connected at the allotments, this was funded with a grant that Pat secured for the council. We have to thank our project managers Robert and Steven for making sure all was up to speed on this

We continued to provide a green skip for garden waste. Sharing with High and Leaden Roding kept the cost down. It came to our village every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Unfortunately Uttlesford increased the cost of this by almost double for the coming year, the council decided that this would no longer be viable. There is a green skip in Dunmow every Saturday that folks can use.

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 the Parish precept would remain unchanged 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.