

Chairman's Report

Hello residents, my name is Peter Steggles the Chairman of Noak Bridge Parish Council. My wife and I have lived in the village for 16 years. After retiring I felt I had the time to get involved with the Parish Council and the Nature Reserve and to help with all the good work that was already being achieved by them for this lovely village of ours.

Achievements for 2013-2014

- A new bus shelter installed in Bridge Street outside Abbeyfields in May
- Working in partnership with Essex County Council and supporting the salt bag scheme yearly which provides salt in individual bags for residents to use on the highway system to keep Noak Bridge on the move in wintery conditions
- Applying pressure to Essex County Council to resurface Wash Road
- A new gravel path from Coppice Lane to the rear of the park.
- Working with the Community Pay Back team to arrange repainting of the bus shelter and bench in and off of Bridge Street and the railings surrounding the children's playground.
- New perch benches installed near the Lower Street car park for residents to rest after the climb up the slope kindly funded by CostCutters.
- Three very successful quiz nights that on all occasions were well attended.
- Very successful Christmas Party which was also a brilliant success
- Working with the local police to tackle anti-social behavior within the Lower Street Park.
- £500 grant given to the Noak Bridge Nature Reserve to purchase a cutter
- £330 grant to install a duck house on Handley's Chase pond

Projects for 2014 – 2015

- Family Fun Day to commemorate the 100 years since the start of World War 1 on the Wash Road Playing Field - Saturday 2nd August from 2pm
- Install security cameras in Lower Street Playground, grant from Essex County Council
- Apply for a grant to relocate and replace the teen shelter
- Children's Christmas Saturday 20th December 4:30-6:30pm

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to a local resident Dennis Jones who carries out small maintenance work and the tidying of un-kept areas, Dennis receives no payment for the time he spends just a contribution from the Parish Council towards his costs.

Councillors are all volunteers and receive no payment from the Parish Council and try to work actively to support the local people through projects, meetings and research behind the scenes. Many of these achievements are largely due to our Clerk Karen Hawkes who works tirelessly for the good of the village.

We hope to meet you at a future Parish Council meeting