

## **STAPLEFORD TAWNEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Chairman's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we did not hold our Annual meeting last year and I wasn't able to produce an annual report. This year's report will therefore include an update on the previous year as well.

The winter of 2019 – 2020 was very wet and mild and it has been followed by another wet and mild winter during 2020 - 2021. This has led to a number of bad potholes developing which we will need to keep reporting on.

We decided to leave the precept unchanged for 2019 – 2020 and again this year we have decided to leave it unchanged.

There have been several planning applications in the Parish this year and last, all of them have been discussed at PC meetings and our views expressed to EFDC.

Fly tipping this year has reduced somewhat, probably largely due to one culprit having been caught and charged.

Virtually no road salt was used during the winter of 2019 – 2020 but more has been used this year during a cold snap in January and February 2021. The current stock held at Mount Farm is 1 tonne and there is a small amount at Lt Tawney Hall.

Last year David Davenport decided to move and will be living outside the Parish, he has therefore resigned his position on the STPC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution during his time on the Parish Council. He has been particularly diligent at chasing up road repairs but also a great asset when dealing with planning applications in general. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we wish him all the best for the future.

The election this year, to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, delayed from 2020 due to COVID 19, will not need to be held for STPC as the nominations were unopposed. Nick Burr has kindly agreed to stand in place of David Davenport. Thank you, Nick, for agreeing to stand.

After nearly two and a half years the Mole Trap is re-opening at the end of May 2021. The new owners are intending to run it as a friendly, local pub. The Parish Council is delighted it is re-opening as are many local residents and previous customers from further afield. Hopefully, it will once again become a focal point for the local community.

Thank you once again to Juliet, who as Parish Clerk has kept things ticking over in a very efficient manner.

Once again I would also like to thank all the councillors for their hard work this year, the attendance rate at meetings, once the rules were changed to allow for Zoom meetings, has again been very high and everyone has put in as much time as is required when necessary.

Stuart Galloway

Chairman S.T.P.C.

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