

Chairman's Report – Cardinham Parish Council AGM 2016

Throughout the year we have had a good attendance from our councillors for which I thank them for giving up their time to attend meetings and committee meetings and for their support especially my vice-chairman Greg whilst I was in hospital.

It hasn't been an easy year for the council with many changes coming into force. We now publish documents on our website including draft minutes and agendas, we abide by the transparency act. Bearing in mind that all the councillors are volunteers I feel we are doing our very best to serve the parish.

We have dealt with 19 planning applications; these consist of minor extensions, farm buildings, new builds and a wind turbine.

We have seen a year of change since the last Annual Parish Meeting, one councillor Steve Haynes resigned from the council, as he and his family were moving out of the area. Steve was replaced by Peter Clariage, who has proved to be a valued member of the council. Also, our clerk David Stevens resigned; he has been replaced by Ms Jo Wilson. Jo has settled into our council well, despite the mountains of work that has been placed upon her.

Also I was sad to lose to other very valued councillors recently, Mick Martin resigned in April. Mick as you all know formed the A30 Action committee along with other representatives of our parish and the other surrounding parishes. Mick also produced the Cardinham Parish Survey, which took up a lot of his time. Mike Frost also recently resigned, Mike has been a councillor at Cardinham for several years and his input at monthly meetings and committee meetings was much valued. His BBQ skills are second to none! Thank you to both Mike and Mick for both your help on the council.

We have had the defibrillator installed in the telephone kiosk in Cardinham, thanks must go to Simon Smart for his involvement in this. We have arranged emergency medical training this is starting on 6th June in the hall; if you are interested and haven't signed up for this please see Simon Smart. We are hoping to install a defibrillator in the telephone kiosk in Millpool. We are also putting an emergency plan into operation if every needed, please sign up