

Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council.

Chairman's Report 2015-2016

This last year had been a relatively uneventful one for your Parish Council but, once again I must thank my fellow councillors for their contributions and also those parishioners who have both brought issues to our attention and also put in some personal time and effort, in support of the council, to pursue issues that were of interest and importance to them. We will soon be seeing the benefit of Derek Marshall's efforts to make himself the parish expert on local bus routes and service timetables - in terms of improved and readily-available information displays.

My recent newsletters have kept you informed about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and also about our new notice board and de-fibrillator. Always on our agenda are speed limits, potholes and pedestrian safety. I have also mentioned that our long-serving clerk, Phil Sanders, has recently resigned but we are fortunate to have found an excellent replacement in the form of Carol Weaver, who has many years of experience as a councillor for Tattenhall and Chester City.

We have already seen the impact of the changed policies of the new CWaC Council, which so far seem to be having an adverse impact on parish services or finances - we get less services and we pay more. It also seems increasingly difficult to get action and even replies to correspondence from various CWaC departments such as Planning Enforcement and Highways. Parish Councils seem to be a low priority in Chester, especially rural parishes like ours. This all means a lot of time and duplication of effort for your Parish Clerk and Chairman. My thanks, however, go to our Ward Councillor, Mike Jones, who often seems to be able to get things moving with a well-aimed e-mail, when mine have clearly missed the mark.

I am afraid that we still have no female councillors despite my enquiries and entreaties. Seriously, there must be some lady who can give two hours every second month to enrich our discussions and make us a little more representative of our parishioners. My home number is still 730221.

Gordon Ibbotson,

Chairman

9th May 2016.