

EATON PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL REVIEW

Due to Covid 19, the Council has had to meet by zoom and these meetings have been published either on the website, notice board and Parish news.

LINK ROAD - This is nearing completion and is stating an opening date of April 19th. Council have been engaged in long discussions with Cheshire East on the implementation of the mitigation measures prior to the opening of the road. A small number of items remain to be carried out and hopefully the scheme will not prove too intrusive on our village life. We are continuing to keep a close watch on proposed speed limits and their connection with the prevailing road conditions.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – This is also nearing completion. It has been passed by Cheshire East and a referendum will be place in May to have your vote of the proposals. The thanks of the council go to Cllr. Waltho and his team for the very hard work they have put in to realise this plan.

ENVIRONMENT – The three raised beds have been really successful – the display of dahlias last summer was a lift in what was a dark time. Our thanks to Kevin, Nigel and team and getting these constructed and set out. They are now planted for spring and we look forward to another floral display. We are presently exploring how to restore our village sign to hopefully original condition.

The perennial bank has also been receiving lots of tlc and it is looking good. Thanks to Kate, John, Robert and helpers. We so need our volunteers for these tasks.

Tarmac have again assisted the village in taking over the grass cutting in the park and around the hall plus helping in maintenance work on the play equipment.

HIGHWAY MATTERS – We keep in close touch with highways in maintaining the quality of our roads but it has been a quite severe winter and the roads are showing the result of this.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

We have just been notified of this by Cheshire East and through an urgent e mail from our Ward Councillor. The proposals could have a long term affect on the life of our village and Cheshire East are carrying out this process across the whole borough. Only proposals at this stage but we have already submitted an objection letter to the committee and others plus our MP. The proposals will be published soon and will be followed up by a 12 week consultation

period. We will be in touch again soon with an update, to explain what residents can do to have your say.

PLANNING

There have been a large number of planning applications over the year and the Council are actively monitoring these and comment on every one. We continue to keep a close eye on the plans for the whole area and comment upon progress and development. The Cheshire East website is the resource for those wishing to take a closer interest.

WEBSITE

Cllr. Lyne posts council information on this and hopefully keeps pace with the ever changing rules which govern transparency and other matters.

ANNUAL PARISH AND COUNCIL MEETINGS – These will again have to be by zoom and there will be two separate links for the meetings on the 4th of May. Although we have no elections, we did not have an annual meeting last year due to Covid, we will now need to sort out which Councillors take us forward into what will hopefully be a less traumatic year. Our thanks go to Cllr. Evans, who despite at a point where she could step down as Chair, stayed on whilst doing very long shifts in the care home.

GENERAL – The thanks of the council go to all those volunteers keeping our village life going. The councillors who do the inspections in the park, the clerk who keeps the administration and accounts in line, our councillors who give hard work and concentration on the particular issues allotted to them and the unseen residents who work quietly on the side.

FINALLY – We hope that on the 21st of June we can be completely out of lock down and able to meet face to face in the hall for our meetings but generally around the village.

Best wishes

Susy Evans – Chair Eaton Parish Council