

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

- Thanks are due to our retiring Chairman Joe Lawless who achieved much in several stints on the parish council and village hall committee.
- Thanks also to Lesley Lawless who edits Grapevine and to Bob King who maintains the new website.
- The planters have been maintained by Mr and Mrs Cormick and look splendid. Plants and bulbs have been purchased by the parish council
- The speed limit on the A533 between Shutley Lane and Hole House Lane is to be lowered. Signs should be erected in June.
- A 20mph speed limit around the school was planned for 2018/19
- Verge marker posts have been installed at the entrance to the estate and more are planned to discourage parking on the verges.
- Several social events have been held including carols around the tree, the May Queen event, the Queen's birthday party, the village hall refurbishment celebrate party, the village show and the dog show. This year's show will be held on 16 September.
- Litter picks have been arranged
- The Parish Council has commented on the planning applications received by CWAC.
- The parish council had declined to produce a neighbourhood plan but would comment on the CWAC local plan.
- Ward boundaries were being reviewed.
- Signs had been erected to discourage drivers from using the village as a ratrun while the A49 swing bridge was being repaired.
- We continue to push for a fibre broadband upgrade and understand this should have happened this year. Connecting Cheshire is here tonight to provide an update.

### **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

- A WREN grant was obtained for phase 2 of the work on the village hall which provided a meeting room and improved storage.
- The floor has been resanded and the village hall clock has been electrified thanks to grants from Marbury Ward councillors' members' budgets and the Heritage Lottery fund via Saltscap.
- New indoor noticeboards have been provided.
- A decorative oak bench and new railings have been erected thanks to section 106 funds identified by Cllr Gibbon.
- Plans are in place to improve the space at the front of the village hall.
- The village hall made a profit in the year ending February 2017.