

Chairmans report to the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting.

I would like to start by thanking you all for taking the time and trouble to be here this evening.

It has been a mighty busy and transformative year. We have had a number of “Hellos” and sadly, some “Goodbyes”. We have had some groundbreaking work completed, some in transition and some looking to start.

It was the year Cameley Parish Council became an award winning council and our Clerk, Jenny became a qualified Clerk for which we congratulate her, not only for becoming qualified but also for the huge effort she has put into her duties, going frequently beyond the call of duty. And talking of Jenny, we welcome her, husband Dave and daughter Delyth to our village as residents and neighbours.

After many false starts and stuttering progress we also welcome, finally, completion of our new play area. It has already had a positive impact judging by how well used it is. The working party, very ably led by Maria, have much to feel proud about.

I would also like to commend John Cockerham for his sterling work in ensuring the football team that bears our village name remains playing , here in the village. I would like to think that the unloved pavilion could start to look more cherished. The Parish Council have the means now to undertake some upgrade if only to keep the rain out!

Which brings me to the Village Hall, finally and after some delays, has now been transferred to the Parish Council to manage. Already we have seen an increase in regular bookings whilst retaining most of those we took on. I hope this trend continues. A busy village hall shows a thriving community, which in the end is what we all want.

We have a long way to go, but the Parish Council have supported the upgrade of facilities, including the car park and lighting and I would hope in a years time there would be great progress to note.

I would like to personally thank Ian Gough for his continuing sponsorship of the villages first defibrillator and very much welcome the recent arrival of the second, housed at the school. Both of these have the potential to save lives and the Parish Council fully supported the expenditure on this vital equipment.

Looking back on the minutes of our meetings this past year there are 3 clear and persistent themes that villagers have brought to the Council:

1. Dog fouling/disposal of waste.
2. Inconsiderate parking
3. Anti social behaviour (which includes 1 above)

We have spent so much time listening to people concerns on all 3 issues and appealing for a change in attitudes.

Sadly, for the most part, to no avail. I have urged complainants to try to record these acts on cameras, nothing expensive and mostly by carrying around a mobile phone as most contain cameras and either film or record details that we can use to pursue offenders.

But I would really appeal to anyone tempted to either not pick up dog mess or to pick it up and then throw the contents into the school or their neighbours gardens to stop it.

Before parking you car to the inconvenience of others, ask yourself how you would feel if someone blocked your drive or pavement. Think; can a fire engine or ambulance get through? Too often the answer would be no, they couldn't.

And before destroying recently installed equipment for the pleasure of the many; before spraying paint on our buildings think “Is that really the best I could do?” I’m sure it’s not, why not come and tell the Parish Council what it is you would like rather than what all too often you are doing now. We are looking at the prospect of a Youth Council, good idea? Come and talk to us.

I also offer an open door to anyone who wishes to voice their concerns. The first 15 minutes of each Parish Council meeting is open to the public to say whatever is on their minds, why not use it, why not You?

As I write you will be aware BANES have identified we have a problem with air pollution on the A37 going through the village, in particular the area roughly from the Doctors Surgery to the junction with Temple Inn Lane. With BANES approval, we will be made an Air Quality Management Area which forces the local authority to provide solutions. Watch this space, or better still, have your say.

Last year, we sponsored the nomination of Carol Harris for the Rotary Community Award and I am delighted to say her selfless work at Cameley School was recognised and Carol was duly rewarded with a certificate of achievement. We are now looking for this year’s nominee.

Carol’s nomination and recognition reminds us that so many quietly give of their time for others and without them it would be a poorer place to live.

This year we welcome the reopening of the Temple Inn. It hasn’t been an easy start but they did sponsor the Village Christmas tree and also one for the School. Many thanks and welcome.

However, Christmas trees do not magically erect themselves and for the umpteenth year running Pete Hutchison arranged the purchase and led a motley band of volunteers in erecting it. He also selflessly returned during the gales and re

erected, with help, but was always the constant. Pete has also come to the rescue of the Parish Council many, many times, effecting repairs at short notice so that facilities remain intact and usable.

Thank you.

We have many voluntary clubs and organisations in the village, about time we catalogued them so that others could join.

One which deserves special mention this year is Temple Cloud Women's Institute who are celebrating their centenary. I would like to congratulate President Fiona Medland, her committee and members on reaching this milestone and with them, continuing success.

Although not 100, but fast becoming a village institution is the Temple Cloud Charity Fun Day. The two young women behind it are sisters, Tasha Dix and Kay Boulton plus a whole army of family and friends. This years event will be on the 21st July 2018 and as usual will be held on the Playing Field and the Village Hall.

Another "newbie" is Diddy Sports, held at the village hall Saturday mornings which is also proving very popular. Good luck to Emma and Lauren in your venture.

Sadly, we had accept the resignation of Parish Councillor, Dylan Morris. Dylan was enthusiastic and offered thoughtful comments and was particularly involved with the Playground.

So, Hello to Ray Jenkins, we wish you a long and happy stay.

I would like to thank Tim Warren who although probably the busiest man in BANES has always been a good friend to Cameley Parish Council and long may it continue.

And finally, finally, we say goodbye to Cameley Parish Council. From now on, with agreement of the Secretary of State and BANES we will henceforward be known as Temple Cloud with Cameley Parish Council.

I thank you all for your forbearance in reading this far and hope we face the challenges of the next Council year with determination and open minds. We have budgetary challenges and possible planning ones as well. But looking to serve the interests of ALL the community should be our aim and honest endeavour.

Tony Hooper

6th April 2018.