

Thurlton Parish Council

Chairperson's Report 2020

It's been an eventful year since the last AGM and this report will attempt to summarise the main issues.

The most significant, and the saddest, was the death of our friend and long-serving Parish Clerk, Chris Cook, on the 13th June. His passing is a big loss to our community.

The Parish Council interviewed candidates for the post of Parish Clerk, and I'm pleased to announce that Gill Crossland, another long-standing resident of the village, was successful. I'm sure that she will prove a worthy successor to Chris, and the Parish Council wish her all the best in the role.

William Kemp, our District Councillor, resigned in May to concentrate on his duties elsewhere and James Knight was elected in his place. We thank William for all he has done for us in the past and we are sure that James, who has already shown himself keen to be involved, will be an active and committed representative.

Despite opposition from the Parish Council, the development of 30 plus dwellings on Beccles Road, named 'Blacksmith's Close', went ahead and the majority of dwellings are occupied. The Parish Council is entitled to some money from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), because of the development, amounting to over £20,000. We have yet to decide fully how to spend it but it is likely that some will be spent on improving the playing field amenities.

Finally, there have been three resignations from the Parish Council this year: Simon Hannant as member and chair, and councillors Martin Ball and James Lucy. We thank them for their dedication and hard work and would like to welcome councillors Claire Kinzel and Teresa Miller onto the Parish Council. We wish them both every success in their new role.

This is composed and written during the Covid 19 pandemic and it is clear that we live in a community where attention to our neighbours needs and care for the vulnerable and isolated are priorities for so many. We are fortunate. Thank-you everybody and stay safe.