

Chairs Report May 2022

Welcome to the Allhallows Annual Parish Meeting

We have had another challenging year for everyone due to covid but hopefully we are getting back to some kind of normality

We lost two councillors this year Gill Edmondson and. Caroline McKenzie, we thank them for their service to the parish and wish them well for whatever they do in the future. We also gained two new councillors Carol Standish and Dianne Thompson both were welcomed onto the council.

Speeding along the B5299 was a priority for many villagers hopefully the new speed signs painted on the road will be a sharp reminder to drivers to watch their speed. Drainage channels along Skiddaw Terrace had sunk and were causing a trip hazard this was reported.

The Queens Jubilee has been discussed and is being organised by the parish council, Allhallows church and the community centre. This will be a parish event with a huge range of events taking place. Also to commemorate the Jubilee is the restoration of the Bonfire site which is to be planted with a wide range of trees which will be planted by the children of the parish.

Mark Jenkinson MP attended one of our meetings and outlined proposals for planning reform and also discussed ways in which Traffic flow could be improved through the parish.

As a council we are responsible for the upkeep of our play park, notice boards, and seats around the parish.

We also have portfolio holders who are responsible for looking after certain areas of parish council responsibilities:-

Allotments - Ricky Bowness

Play park - Kath Faulder

Flooding issues - Sue Barton

Outside Bodies - Janet Mansfield

The council also donates to a number of good causes which the parishioners benefit from:-

Wigton swimming Baths

Allhallows Church

Citizens advice

Great North Air Ambulance

This year saw the grass cutting go out to tender the decision was to stay with our contractor who we have used for a number of years.

Allhallows Centre

The centre is doing quite well considering we had to close for a long time.

The committee decided in order to move forward with future plans they would conduct a survey of the parish to see what would be of interest to people in order to

get more people using the centre. We received one response back from the whole of the parish which was extremely disappointing for the committee as they work very hard fundraising. The floor in the tearoom had to be replaced as it was rotten. Let's hope the twelve months will see bookings pick up.

I'd just like to thank members of the council for all their hard work and support over the last twelve months, also to Ricky my vice chair for all the support he gives me. Lastly to Trevor our Clerk for his support and patience over the past year. I joined the council over 25 years ago the same time as Trevor became our clerk and we are very lucky to have him

That concludes my report for this year. Thank you everyone