

# Warmington Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report 2007 – 2008.

The year started with a new council consisting of five previous members and four new ones sadly no election due to lack of potential candidates vacancies being filled by co-options. This gave problems with our application to become a Quality Parish Council however it is hoped a shift of policy by our political masters will enable this status to be completed in 2008.

The Parish Council promoted the painting of the underpass an enterprise which embraced a not inconsiderable support from the parishioners indeed became a very good community event and resulted in the village having what we believe to be a unique rural mural.

As with previous years we have continued with planting of flowers and bushes on entrances to the village hopefully this will continue for the future.

On the same theme the Fun Field purchased cricketing equipment and nets for the Fun Field this to enjoyed very good attendance. The Fun Field committee is still in negotiation with Sir William Proby regarding the future placement of the Fun Field. Added to which the Fun Field has adopted a policy of adding at least one additional item to it's inventory in each forthcoming year this year it is investigating the installation of a cable way and net and volley ball nets.

Sadly we have been forced to accept the demise of our youth group despite efforts by many to try to re-establish it, hopefully at some time

in the future the Parish Council will be able to promote our youth again.

I believe it is a priority for the Parish Council to promote community events for the village and hope this policy will continue.

It would appear we will have further developments within the village which the Parish Council will need to ensure they are beneficial to the village and parishioners.

This year will see the adoption of Nene Pastures with added responsibilities and expenses for the Parish Council hopefully there will not be too many items needing attention as we should have inherited a new site!

The Parish Council newsletter continues to be enjoyed by the Parish and is going from strength to strength with each issue.

We are almost at the point of placing orders to light up the remaining stretch of pathway to the roundabout to benefit those who need to use the paths for access to Express Bus service.

A new bus shelter has been built in Church Street in the style of this area of the village being built at no cost to the village for which we are most grateful.

Added to which the bus shelters on the A605 have also been renewed.

The village suffered quite considerable damage from traffic this year particularly to the churchyard walls but we were fortunate in being able

to identify the companies concerned and claim for rebuilding from their insurers.

The gravel extraction on the river meadows has commenced this year and whilst not yet into full production this will need to be monitored by the Parish Council.

It has been a busy year for the Parish Council and next year looks to be starting very much in the same vein, I feel the village is well served by it's Parish Council but emphasise it is a team effort from the Parish Council itself and the parishioners, we have to be mindful of the needs of the village at all times. Whilst I have refrained from mentioning any councillors names regarding projects I am very grateful for the efforts of all parish councillors during the past year and for the continuing efforts of our Parish Clerk.

Last year I ended my report as the retiring chairman this as you are aware did not happen but this year it will I have enjoyed my time as Chairman and councillor for Warmington and thank every one who has given me assistance along the way.

Derek Rowell

Chairman

Warmington Parish Council.

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