

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016 – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

During the past year Parish councillors have attended various outside meetings including Drakelow Park Development, Area Forums and Safer Neighbourhoods. The concerns raised at the latter reflect the problems faced by our neighbouring villages of planning, parking and speeding. Hopefully planning problems will be assisted by the implementation of the strategic plan which we hope will give some protection to communities in fighting applications which threaten to overwhelm them. SDDC also continue to hold information sessions for Parish Councils which have been useful.

I am pleased to see that at long last Derbys CC have carried out some road repairs. South Staffs Water are also carrying out a review of any remaining drainage and water issues following the earlier renewal of pipework.

Following the start of WW1 commemorations in 2014, last autumn I was pleased to attend the unveiling of a memorial plaque, attended by the Chairman of SDDC Cllr Neil Atkin. The plaque and planting of 6 rowan trees commemorate the fallen of the village during WW1.

After careful control of Parish Council finances, we hope this year to make some improvements to our play facilities.

Thanks to all Parish Council colleagues for their work during the past year, County and District Councillors, and our Clerk Peter for his continued hard work on our behalf.