



Report from the Chair for the year 2017/18

"This year's Chairmanship has been challenging, but thanks to our excellent Clerk, Elsie, who has helped and supported me every step of the way, we have got through it. I would also like to thank my fellow councillors for the help and support they have given me, and all the time and hard work they have put in for the Parish.

It was with great sadness we lost Ron Jennings this year; Ron was always on hand for local information or to provide well informed comments on local matters, and is very sadly missed. In August last year we had a presentation from Mr James Walley, the new owner of Habberley Golf Club, 25 members of public attended the meeting. An application was submitted to the planners, in January, and we as the parish council were wrongly accused of not informing the local people of the application.

We are still getting fly tipping around the Parish, hopefully with the deployment of the District Council CCTV cameras, the chances of catching them should be getting easier. We have provided Wyre Forest with the Reg number of a flytipper after they dumped a fridge on the common, and I look forward to seeing if anything happens with that information.

I personally feel quite let down by our new district and county councillors in that they have not been as helpful as I had hoped they would be. But we hope this will change in the future if they restart attending our meetings.

I hope our newsletters that Elsie spends time putting together get more of a read this coming year as this is the best way for the local people to see what's going on in the Parish. I wish our new Chairman all the best with the year ahead." (James Gammond—Retiring Chairman)

Application to deregister part of Trimpley Common

An application lodged in July 2016 to remove a parcel of land at Trimpley Common from the Register of common land has been refused by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services of the County Council. The parcel of land formed part of the curtilage of Crofton Lodge, near to Mount Pool.

New representative District Cllr.

Cllr Paul Harrison was elected in May to be a representative District Councillor for the area in which this parish falls. We welcome his representation of parish matters at the District Council alongside our existing representative, Cllr. Becky Vale. Contact details of both can be found on the parish and/or district websites. We also hope that you will be able to meet them at our Parish Council meetings.

Local "What's on"

Sunday 29th July—Heavy Horse Show, Holbeache Farm, Trimpley—10a.m.—4p.m.

Sunday 5th August - Trimpley Vintage Vehicle Rally
10a.m.—5p.m.—Dog show and side Stalls

Thursday 20th September at Kidderminster Town Hall
Volunteers Fair. Free Refreshments. Part of the District Well-being programme

And **Don't Miss** the **Village Hall Christmas Event**
on **Saturday 8th December** (save the date now)
Entertainment by "Secret Cabaret",



New Website

Please check out our new website www.kfpc.org.uk
You will be able to find out lots of information about the Parish, including Parish Council matters.

Proposed Closure of layby, Eymore Lane

Listening to all those for and against the closure of the layby, and considering the high cost to the parish to close this, (as it belongs to the County Council), it has been decided not to proceed to arrange closure at this point in time.

Police & Security Matters

Following a spate of local burglaries from sheds and garages, police have arrested a man who has been charged with many of these incidents. However, some of the property stolen in the parish had not been marked with Smartwater from the kits the Parish Council supplied last year. This makes recovery and return to owners very difficult. Could we please impress on every household in the parish to mark their goods with the kits supplied. If you do not have a kit, please request one by dialing 101 or by email from bewdleyandrural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Also, the level of policing in our parish is linked to the number of incidents in the area. So please report every theft/incident—no matter how trivial, since this will help us to keep a good police presence in the area.

You may be interested to know that the officers covering our parish are listed below with their direct-dial mobile numbers:

PC Steve Thomas—07773 043153

PCSO Jeni Bray—07773 041897

PCSO Nathan Chater—07773 042026

If your business is Urgent—Dial 999. If non-urgent—Dial 101
However, you may also ring local officers on mobile nos. above.

Parish Council Matters

Meetings

Don't forget, the public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors and usually local police in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. These are the dates of the next meetings, all held in Trimpley Village Hall @ 7.30p.m. - **20th August, 17th September, 15th October** — check the website (see above) or noticeboards for agenda.

Your Parish Councillors are:

Mr. B. Phillips : (Chair) Tel 01299 861661

Mr. J. Gammond : Tel 01299 400750

Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231

Mrs. C. Gammond : 01299 402929

Mr. G. Yarranton : 01299 403835

Mrs. L. Green : Tel 01562 747180

Mr. C. Jordan : Tel 012909 861484

Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum**

New Parish Councillor

Following due process, the Casual Vacancy was filled in May by Mr. Chris Jordan. We extend a warm welcome to him, and feel certain that he will bring a wealth of knowledge and service to local parish matters.

Accounts and Audit Details

Please find below a summary of the accounts for 2017/18.
Full audit details can be found on our website www.kfpc.org.uk

Payments	Amount £
Grants to Church, Riverside North Park, Crundalls Lane Defibrillator, CAB	1390
Lengthsman's Work & Litter Collection	3864
Clearance work on Footpaths	481
General Admin Costs & CALC Subs.	1969
Clerk's Salary Gross	3941
Chairman's Allowance	100
Projects, inc: Smartwater Provision, Flowers, Bulbs and trees, & defibrillator, and vegetation clearance around parish	3345
Training	35
	15125
Receipts	
Brought Forward Balance from 2016/17	32122
Precept	9787
VAT Reimbursement	226
Lengthsman's Work & Litter Collection contracts	4399
Clearance work on Footpaths (Contract)	500
Bank Interest	21
Grants Received	1745
Book Sales and other items	30
	48830
Less payments made this year	15125
Carry forward 2018-19	33705

Report from Parish Paths & Recreational Route Warden

"Our Parish rights of way are in good condition following another quiet year.

We again received a P3 Grant of £500 and our Contractors have carried out summer vegetation clearance wherever needed.

The majority of paths have been inspected by the PP/RR Warden during the year and the footpaths and bridleways are generally clear and accessible. Stiles and gateways have been kept free of overgrowth, and many waymarks have been refreshed.

Again we thank our landowners for clearing fallen trees from across several footpaths and bridlepaths during the past year. Also thanks for repairing cross steps on stiles and improving a flooded ditch crossing.

A broken plank on the bridge by Worralls Grove was quickly repaired by the C/C and they also removed a redundant kissing gate from Trimpley Farm. However we are still waiting for the C/C contractors to install three signposts and reinstate a waymark post.

The Enforcement Officer was called in to investigate an unofficial change to the route of a path by the landowner. A case of intimidation by a landowner was reported and unauthorised vehicles (poachers/hare coursers) were reported using Hollies Lane on at least 3 occasions at night, causing criminal damage to a gate on each occasion.

Discussions were held by the PP Warden with bridlepath users and the adjacent landowner, in relation to a planning application for alterations which would affect the safety of the bridleway exit.

Our application for a P3 Grant of £500 for 2018-19 has been accepted." Cllr. Mrs. C. Gammond—PP&RRW

Crundalls Lane



Recently resurfaced, following a string of requests dating back over many months. The surface is now much better for horseriders.

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the Trimpley Sailing Club who celebrate their 50th Anniversary during early July.

Congratulations also to the WI who are celebrating nationally the centenary of their foundation. The local WI are joining in the celebrations which are being held at **Avoncroft on August 25th** with 'Sounds Amazing'—a varied musical event. Bring a picnic, though refreshments available.

Tickets/details: events@worcsfwi.org.uk

Weather

At the time of writing, the clerk has welcomed what seems to be a return, of late, to weather more befitting the seasons. After a cold, snowy winter, we are now basking in long hot summer days. However, just as the cold brought its problems, we have to be careful with the dry sunny conditions. Take the usual personal precautions against sunburn, but also think carefully about having bonfires or barbecues which can easily get out of control, and catch light to dry vegetation. Also discarded litter, especially bottles can start fires. Please have consideration for neighbours, and pets and take care! And our thanks go to the County Council who reacted to our call for attention to be given to the road near to Trimpley crossroads where the tar has been melting in the recent heat. The picture below shows them treating the area with dust and stone to try to reseal the surface.



Trimpley Church Fete

An extremely hot and sunny afternoon on Saturday 30th of June saw the Church Fete, held courtesy of The Guildings, Eymore Lane, Trimpley. A huge thank you to everyone who planned,



A warm welcome was extended by Parish Councillor Gordon Yarranton at the entrance gate.

volunteered their time, donated items, prepared food and drink, played live music and organised games. Takings topped £1850 and even after expenses have been deducted, there will be well over £1000 to boost Holy Trinity Church Relief Funds - all thanks to our lovely guests who supported us so generously.



Karen & Hilary manning the Tombola

