

### **Chairman's annual report – May 2019**

I wish to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their help and support during the past twelve months, by working together we have been able to deliver more for our community. I also wish to thank our Clerk, Sarah Cardwell, for all her work to make this possible and to thank District Councillor Jim White and County Councillor Ian Gardiner for their assistance.

We have worked hard to finalise the lease of The Community Room and make it accessible to local residents. It is now available to rent by groups and individuals and we have seen an increase in the number of bookings. We are still in the process of updating the carpet and curtains, having replaced half the kitchen to match the newer cupboards.

Having decided to replace the War Memorial in Spaldwick we have submitted a planning application and have been in discussion with members of the Parochial Church Council of St James in Spaldwick and Ely Diocese to agree a location for the old memorial. This is still ongoing.

With the decision to create allotments in the Town and Poors Charity Field a considerable amount of work has been done by Cllr Richard Johnson and Cllr Graham Smith to arrange for a water connection to a standpipe. We are hopeful that Anglia Water will carry out their work soon to join this to the mains. The area for twenty allotments has been marked out and we hope to prepare the ground soon. There is still the need for a hard standing area and roadway for vehicles and a security gate.

Arrangements are in place to start work on refurbishment of the village sign with some preparatory work already completed by Cllr Richard Johnson.

Cllr Sharan Jackson-Rimmer has conducted three Speedwatch sessions during the last twelve months with 486 vehicles checked and 9 reported for speeding.

Thanks go to Mick Ager the footpath coordinator for his work to keep footpaths accessible to all and to Ed Wooddisse for his assistance to cut back hedges along Thrapston Road and Beltons Hill.

I also wish to pass on thanks to Chris Hubbard for taking on and delivering Spaldwick News.

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