

## **Chairman's Report 2015**

As my final Annual Report, although focusing on the achievements of the year, I will also touch on some of the other successes in the last four years.

One of the largest and most successful projects has been the construction of the Church Lane houses, by Hastoe Housing, on our behalf. This project was handled extremely professionally by the Parish council and its successful conclusion was reinforced by the fact that FHDC recently quoted it as one of their successes!

I have always felt it important that the Parish Council communicate with the Villagers and as it is a struggle to get them to come to our meetings, I felt that the colourful and eye catching back cover of the Barton Miller goes some way in improving our lines of communication.

Another phase of new play equipment for the Village Green is underway and I believe the Parish Council should be proud of the excellent facilities that we offer our youngsters. The Village Green is an example of where the Parish Council do not rest on their laurels and continuous improvements take place, which have included levelling the longstanding dip on, protecting the entrance by the gate and soon to repair the turning area in the far corner.

The continuing scheme of Street Light replacement has continued under Pamela's direction.

One of the most delicate and frustrating issues, in the last year, has been the continuing flooding of the footpath to Mildenhall. The problem has been partially solved with the construction of the boardwalk and will be further improved with the raising of the height of the rest of the footpath. It is slightly regrettable that as yet, we have not fully cured the problem as to why the water levels are higher than they should be.

I would very much like to thank all the Councillors for their efforts during the year, including those with additional responsibilities. Gary for the Village Hall, Pamela for Planning, Play Equipment, Finance and the Parish Council Forum, Frances for SALC and the Lark Valley, Amin as Vice Chairman and Finance and especially the Clerk James.

Unusually, I would also like to mention some schemes that are still ongoing that I would like to think the Parish Council will move forward in the next twelve months.

- 30mph Flashing Sign
- Digital version of the Barton Miller
- Updating of our standing orders
- The proposed footpath to Bury S Edmunds

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Chairman

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015.