

Chairman's Report to Parish Open Meeting

Over the past year the council have been extremely active on behalf of the village. Indeed I feel that we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic group of councillors.

We have endeavoured to address a great many concerns that local residents have raised covering footpaths, state of roads, transport (buses) and proposed wind turbine installations to name but a few. Often these concerns create a great deal of anxiety between adjacent and affected neighbours. I feel that as a council we are there to listen, help and guide residents into our considered best course of action. In these issues we have been well supported and advised by Phil Tucker our County Councillor.

I would take this opportunity to thank the councillors for their support throughout the year.

It has been a very eventful and challenging year for the village. We had the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations in which the village whole heartedly participated. The street party in the square was a great event thanks to the generosity of the parishioners in supplying such a variety of food. Every child in the village received a Diamond Jubilee commemorative medal. The Bar-B-Q and beacon (which had been registered with the Palace Pageant master) suitably added to the closing of the celebration week end

This followed with the opening of the new football pitch and a visit from the Plymouth Legends football team who had a match with our Week St Mary team. I'm sure that this football pitch and facilities will prove to be a great asset for the village over many years to come.

Another milestone was the opening of the new Parish Office on time and after a lot of effort including a successful ECLAD grant. The computer, broadband and ancillary IT equipment is available to all residence together with excellent free tuition in computer skills. This training is given by Peter Coulston by arrangement. We are indeed fortunate to have the services of Peter available. This is a great step for Week St Mary and meets an objective set out in our village PLAN.

Our forward plan for a Skate Board Park on the playing field adjacent and parallel to the road is well under way and it is hoped will be installed during the next two months.

All together I feel that this indicates that Week St Mary is a forward thinking, active and progressive village working together as a community.

I would close by thanking the various groups, committees and volunteers who continue to work often unnoticed, to ensure that Week St Mary is an active vibrant community and is a wonderful place to live in.

Len Davies

Chairman Parish Council.