

OCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meetings of the parish council were held May 2017.

Richard Herbert was re-elected as Chairman and Barry Thorne Vice-Chairman.

The other five parish councillors are:

Simon Figg, Lucy Hogarth, Gordon Lee-Steere, Jo Page and Dick Thomas.

Our district councillor is Vivienne Michael and county councillor, Helyn Clack.

The Chairman gave his report for the year some of which is shown below:

Scott-Broadwood C of E Infant School

There had been major issues regarding the Ockley base of the school. The parish council had objected to the Governors' proposal to consolidate the two bases on to the Capel site for the following key reason: the impact it would have on the community of Ockley.

Neighbourhood Development Plan - once again progress continued to be slow

The plan cannot be taken forward until the result of a public inquiry regarding the appeal for an application for development at Stane Gate, Stane Street is known. No affordable housing had been included within the proposed development. Discussions had been held with a number of landowners in the village regarding housing.

Affordable Housing Development at the Village Hall

There were issues regarding the affordability of the buildings for this development.

Revised proposals were being drawn up for discussion with the Parish Council before going back to MVDC.

Car park at Ockley station

The planning application had been approved for 30 parking spaces on the east side of Station Approach. There was a delay with progress as an easement regarding access was awaited from Network Rail.

Footpath on the Green

This was to be re-surfaced - getting rid of the ruts and bumps.

Drainage on the Green

A number of meetings had been held with councillors, SCC, Southern Water. Issues had been identified and are to be resolved.

Thanks to:

- a) fellow parish councillors and clerk for all the time that they had given to parish council matters during the year. And - many thanks to the Chairman, Richard Herbert.*
- b) Speedwatch team who were out during the summer 2016*
- c) village green maintenance team led by Ant Broadbent*
- d) Ockley Society for all the events that they bring to the village*

Parishioners had the opportunity to ask questions / bring matters to the attention of the parish council. Issues raised would be taken further and reported on at future meetings of the parish council. Draft minutes of meetings can always be viewed on the parish council website.

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