

Kettleburgh Annual Parish Meeting, 18th April 2019

Kettleburgh Parish Council Chairman's Report

1. We are at the end of the Parish Council's current term; elections of Town and Parish Councillors in our District shall take place on the 2nd May 2019. Currently your Parish Councillors are myself as Chairman, Tim Chase as Vice Chairman, John Bater, Jim Duckham, Rowena Edmondson, Heidi Finbow and Judy Moorhouse; we currently have a 'Casual Vacancy' as Denis Brooks resigned a few months ago.

I have decided not to submit nomination papers for myself for the forthcoming election.

2. The Parish Council held scheduled meetings in May, August, November and February; additional planning meetings were held when applications could not be discussed at any of these scheduled meetings in June 2018, December 2018 and January 2019.

An Extraordinary Meeting was held on the 1st August 2018 to discuss the Council's strategy in making a response to SCDC's First Draft Local Plan. A public meeting was held on the 23rd August 2018 to discuss the local plan and on the 30th August 2018 a 'Drop-in' session was held in the Village Hall to enable anyone unable to attend the public meeting to view the presentation made and provide any comments they wished to make. An Extraordinary Meeting was held on the 10th September 2018 to agree the Council's response to the SCDC First Draft Local Plan.

3. We continue to endeavour to respond to questionnaires and consultations that the Parish Council receives and such responses are now made available on the Kettleburgh website.

The most significant of these in the current term was obviously the Suffolk Coastal District Council's Local Plan mentioned above and the Parish Council provided comments on the 'First Draft Local Plan' and representations on the 'Final Draft Local Plan'. The Final Draft Local Plan together with all representations made were submitted to the Planning Inspector on the 29th March 2019 by SCDC. Both the comments made in regard to the First Draft Local Plan and the representations to the Final Draft Local Plan have been published on the Kettleburgh website.

4. The Parish Council again agreed at this year's February meeting to continue to provide financial assistance for the maintenance of the St Andrew's churchyard.
5. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parishioners who voluntarily maintain public parts of the village in good order and, in particular Debbie Germain at The Chequers, for continuing to voluntarily deal with the Council's payroll.

6. I would also like to remind you, as I did last year, of the other events that have become a regular feature of life in Kettleburgh, such as; the Village Fete, the Pantomime, live music events, Quiz Nights, Keep Fit and craft workshops. What may not be so obvious is that a lot of these activities, together with those organised by the organisations listed on the agenda, tend to be organised and run by a small proportion of the village's population. So, if you are not already involved and are able to then please consider doing so.

Trevor Jessop
Chairman, Kettleburgh Parish Council