

## **Norton Annual Parish Meeting**

### **Parish Council Annual report**

Tuesday 26th April 2016.

Welcome

For those of you who have not yet met Richard Oliver, he is NPC's newly appointed Clerk RFO and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him a long and happy association with Norton. Richard lives in Whilton and will normally be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact details are available on the NPC website and on the village notice board. The Clerk's email address remains the same as before.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela Feltham, the outgoing clerk, for all her hard work and dedication which has ensured the smooth running of this council. I am sure you will join me in wishing Angela every success for the future.

This is election year for NPC. There are 8 seats on NPC and since fewer than 8 nominations were received there will not be an election and councillors will be elected unopposed at the parish council AGM on the 17th May.

Since my last annual report, many of you will, I hope, be aware that NPC now has it's own new dedicated website [www.nortonvillagepc.weebly.com](http://www.nortonvillagepc.weebly.com) which contains much useful information and the latest PC related news. The old Norton Village website remains and contains more general information about the village.

Street lighting is still under review by the council and some progress has been made since my report to you last year. We had a problem when one of the old pendant bracket lamps became detached from a cottage on Daventry Road, fortunately not causing any damage or injury. This has not been replaced and instead a new lamp standard has been installed on the opposite side of the road. The head on this new standard is of the LED type which is more efficient than the old and now obsolete lamps in the village. We have yet to put a programme in place to replace all the old lighting heads with LED's but this will need to be scheduled in the not too distant future as replacement bulbs for the old lighting become no longer available.

As reported to you last year, Croudace are no longer involved in the Daventry NE SUE which we know as Churchfields. During the last year, Saville's the land agents, have been in negotiations with other possible developers and are now in the final stages of signing contracts with their new preferred developers. This change does of course mean that there will be a delay in commencement of the infrastructure and building as new survey work has to be carried out before submission of planning applications to DDC. NPC will be working closely with the new developers to ensure Norton gets the best possible deals to mitigate the impact of the development on our village.

We are all currently suffering from the serious problem of pot holes in the roads through the village and particularly on the section of road into Daventry. We are constantly reminding DDC and Highways of this problem but have yet to be informed

as to when remedial work will commence. Although your council is in regular contact with DDC, I would like to say that the more people who register potholes on Street Doctor, the better chance we have of getting some action.

Finally, I would like to thank our County Councillor and District Councillors for their support in the past year and also, on your behalf thank both Roger Hepton and Nigel Turner for planting and maintaining the wonderful flower displays in the troughs around the village.

I will now hand over to the reports from other organisations, some of whom are represented here tonight and others who were unable to be present and who have provided reports which either Richard or myself will read out to you.

Councillor Mike Goodman

Chairman