



Chairman's Report 2019-2020

Following the production of the Village Plan in 2017 and review in 2019, it is timely to reflect on the progress of the plan:

- 1. Community Safety** – The Parish Council have secured grant funding for the Emergency Planning Team, whilst they are a separate body to the Parish Council, recognise the work they have done; the Parish have worked with the Police and other statutory agencies on issues of local public safety, and this includes the recent, and ongoing, Covid 19 pandemic; the Parish have contributed to Local Health initiatives, and secured funding for an additional defibrillator located on the Duver; and we have supported local sports groups and healthy lifestyle projects.
- 2. Older People** – We have promoted work with Age UK and the Good Neighbours scheme, promoted specific healthy lifestyle projects, and signposted key services, including the Covid 19 support network.
- 3. Younger People** – The Parish have undertaken several projects with the local school, including Heritage Project, WW1 Centenary Project, Sports Projects, a youth project on the community centre, and a project with the local sailing club.
- 4. Infrastructure** – The Council secured funding for a Parking Strategy and worked with the IW Council on the issues raised; the Parish acquired the Public Toilets on the Duver and secured funding to invest in a renovation, including Baby Changing Facilities, and a range of other improvements, such as information board, outside tap, and dog-minding facility; and working with the Sports Association, and local stakeholders, have highlighted the need to resolve the situation regarding Station Road Public Toilets, currently awaiting a Defra decision.
- 5. Heritage and Environment** – The Parish have secured funding to maintain the old church Green, and funded larger rubbish bins, which now include recycling capacity; on-going work with the Local Authority on the management of the village green/s has included provision of a meadow, a post limiting access, and proposals for other protection; funding for annual events have been maintained and added to; and funding for a heritage and local history project secured.

The Parish also secured funding to renovate the village map, and have worked with Community Payback to repaint all of the Benches in the Village, including the shelter on the Green; and further work with the Community Centre.

- 6. Housing** – The Parish has made significant contributions to the Local Authority's Planning Policy, and have met with officers to ensure the voice of local residents is heard in the new strategy; a special public meeting was held on a major housing development; and regular meetings with the local ward and IWC Cabinet member help ensure housing needs in the Village is represented.

7. **Communication** - The Parish contributes to both local magazines, and continues to review information on the website, and, within limited resources, a higher profile secured in the local media, and has also highlighted major events such as the Centenary of the end of WW1.

8. **Resources** – The Parish has not increased the precept for several years, and continued to work within budget, securing grants and sponsorship, which has enabled the parish to win Seaside and Environmental Awards; as well as additional investment in beach cleaning and working with partners on beach cleaning initiatives; and are working with a local Town Council on additional capacity during the Covid 19 pandemic. Specific FOI and ICO issues have increased the workload on the Parish and this is regularly reported on.