

SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report May 2020

1 Highways

We have been pleased to achieve the resurfacing of a large part of Common Lane which had been damaged by the large trucks which visit the potato farms. We have also secured the resurfacing of the public part of Common Farm Lane.

Residents have requested speed limits on Pepper Street and enquiries were made as to a speed survey to be carried out by a professional organisation with the costs shared by adjacent parishes, but no support was received so this could not progress.

The new housing developments in Chelford have resulted in additional pedestrians of all ages but we are not optimistic of a speed limit being imposed.

Some stiles have been replaced by kissing gates making these more accessible.

Thanks especially to Councillors Firth and Clarke for their efforts.

2 Snelson Neighbourhood Plan

We have progressed the Plan and under the leadership of Mr Cliff Walsingham we have secured funding and procured a wildlife report which has been reviewed by the subcommittee. We intend to reconsult on the Plan when we have progressed other aspects.

Thanks to Mr Walsingham for all his efforts on the Plan.

3 Common Land

No issues have arisen during the year with the Common although it has suffered with the flooding in February.

4 Planning

We have reviewed planning applications as they have arisen.

5 Common spraying

We have continued to monitor the Japanese Knotweed which has been present in previous years but is almost eradicated.

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6 Operation Shield

This is an initiative of the police to mark any valuable property of residents with a unique invisible fluid. We have distributed a substantial number of kits to Snelson residents in collaboration with the Police and have sold some surplus kits through the efforts of Councillor Clarke to adjacent parishes.

7 Finances

We have minimised expenditure as funds were low after last year's expenses of Operation Shield and the Highfield Farm road signs. However, we have remained in positive funds.

8 Clerk

We have been grateful to our new Clerk, Shareen Worthington, who has ensured our administration and finances are kept in order.

9 Lockdown

At the time of writing this report the whole country is in lockdown for the Covid-19 virus. We will therefore be holding a virtual meeting in May and this will enable business to continue as usual. We have set up a network of residents to support local people in need of help at this difficult time. Thanks to those residents who have offered to assist.

To conclude, the Parish Council continues to press for improvements for all areas of the Parish.

It has been a pleasure to chair the Parish Council and I thank my colleagues for all their continued efforts on our behalf.

Janet Winrow

Chair to Snelson Parish Council