

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

Chairman's Report May 2019

First of all, I would like to thank: -

All my fellow councillors, for their commitment and work throughout the year.

I would like to offer a very special tribute to Mark Duchesne who after forty plus years has decided not to stand as a Councillor for the coming year. His knowledge and experience will be greatly missed.

Unfortunately, we have also lost two other councillors during this year Councillor Hinde left us last year and Councillor Gladd decided not to seek re-election, we thank them for their contribution.

We also offer our thanks to Amanda Hinde our clerk for the last two years for her commitment and support over that period, and hope she enjoys her retirement.

As always special mention must go to our two Local Councillors, who are always willing to help and support the efforts of the Parish Council not only with money for projects, which of course is always welcome, but with their presence and contribution. So many thanks to Sara Mildmay-White our Borough Councillor and to Karen Soons our County Councillor.

We are also very fortunate to have found a new clerk to join us and we welcome Nicola Gladding who we hope will enjoy her time with us.

Last, but by no means least, I'd like to thank those members of the public who come along to our PC meetings. Thank you for your support.

Achievements During the Year

A number of projects have been completed during the year: -

The extension to the Village Hall was finished, giving much needed extra storage for those groups and clubs who use the Hall on a regular basis.

Racking was purchased and added to the new storage area at the Village Hall

Fencing for the play area on The Green at Stanningfield is now completed and picnic benches have been added, making this a much safer, dog free and relaxing environment.

Two new hot air hand dryers have been added to the toilets at the Village Hall

A new bench has been purchased and fitted to replace the dilapidated one situated on The Green opposite Orchard Cottage.

We have also removed the Notice board from outside the Red House and replaced it with a new board fixed in the bus shelter.

Projects to be completed over the coming months

The telephone box on the Green at Stanningfield will be completely revamped and painted.

Bradfield Combust's Village sign is now well under way with its repainting and should be back in place very soon.

We have now purchased with money from our two councillors, cedar shingles to complete the roof on the Gazebo at the Village Hall

It is our intention to set about raising money to purchase and add some new pieces of equipment to the play area during the coming year.

Communication

We have changed our communication platform this year, keeping everyone in the Parish updated on events, projects, and potential changes via the Parish Website, Facebook page and the yellow Church Benefice book.

Next Year

We enter the coming year with: -

- Healthy financial reserves
- A communication platform in place to keep everyone informed and engaged
- A number of planned Parish improvements in place

However, our greatest challenge is to find new people who want to be Parish Councillors and help to continue the improvements to the villages we all live in.