

Chairman's Report

We have again carried out the routine tasks, such as, cutting the grass, litter picking and commenting on planning applications.

There have been numerous planning applications. Some of these have been resolved but others are ongoing. The events at Bell's Wood have exercised both this Council and residents this year. The absence of paperwork relating to a possible original planning consent and licensing has been the primary cause of this uncertainty. This matter is possibly close to being resolved. However given the investment already made in the site, it will probably have some way to run.

The road safety initiative, start as long ago as 2019 is still on going, but commitments have been made to refurbish the rose triangle next year. We are grateful to Jane Honeyman for her continuing involvement in the matter.

The Baker Arms has also been on the agenda throughout the year. The change of government removed the initial source of funding and we are now waiting to see if this government reinstates a community funding scheme. We are also waiting for Mc Mullen's to make a planning application. We are still waiting to ensure that the ROW issue is resolved satisfactorily.

The issue of School parking has again been raised by the School Governors. The matter is still in the hands of EHDC.

The parking of a caravan and lorry on the Bayfordbury land opposite Bayfordbury Park Farm has also cause concerns. EHDC acted quickly to remove the caravans but the lorry and other rubbish is still there.

It has been proposed to improve the grass verge on the road to the station to allow this to be used as a refuge for people walking to the station.

We have again tidied the School ponds and the village ponds, thanks to Bob. George and their teams.

We would like to thank on behalf of the Parish all those who have contributed wellbeing of Bayford residents and sought to improve life in the village.

We would thank all Councillors, members of FOBA CBS, our Council representatives, Ken Crofton and Bob Deering, for their work during this year. Also Paul Curson for litter picking.

And finally we would like to thank Maggie, our clerk who has prepared all the minutes and notices and compiled the accounts and generally help us on the straight and narrow.

Michael Wainwright
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