



CATCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Catcliffe Memorial Hall
Old School Lane
Catcliffe
Rotherham
S60 5SP

9th May 2018

Chairman's Report 2017 – 2018

There have been quite a few changes at the Parish Council in recent months. Former councillors leaving and new councillors joining the team. I would like to offer my thanks to Pete De Veaux and Mark Casson for their contribution to Catcliffe Parish Council. Pete continues his good work with Friends of Catcliffe and an increased role with Rotherfed. I'd like to give special thanks to Andy Cater and Darren Hughes who both served time as Chair of the Parish Council over a number of years. Their dedication and hard work really has made a big difference in both the running of the Parish Council and the facilities provided, especially the newly refurbished Memorial Hall I send all former councillors best wishes for the future.

The Barrett Homes development has raised the worries of a number of residents living in and around the Sheffield Lane area. Catcliffe Parish Council have submitted its concerns via the RMBC planning portal for consideration. The consultation period closed on the 20th April.

The bowling club have a new cabin to replace the old partially derelict cabin. This was generously purchased by a private member of the club, with the Parish Council only incurring cost for removal of the old cabin.

Booking for the Memorial Hall continue to grow with regular classes of Yoga, Zumba, Scottish Dancing and Ballroom Dancing as well as private functions and group meetings. The issue of vandalism to the Hall seems to have been resolved with the implementation of certain security measures.

Litter remains a big concern for Catcliffe residents. Whether this is fly tipping, casual dropping of litter or businesses not keeping the area around their premises litter free, the Parish Council will do all we can to improve the situation. The removal of litter bins around the village doesn't help and we will try and get them reinstated as soon as possible.

The village was on flood alert a couple of times during the persistent heavy rainfall in March. The prompt deployment of the mobile pumps by Rotherham Borough Council prevented serious surface water flooding during this time. This is a flood prevention system that works really well. But we need to ensure that additional surface water run-off from new developments doesn't cause this system to fail. Something that the Barrett Homes developers need to consider carefully.

The allotments continue to remain popular with the planting season in full swing after the long winter. I'd like to thank Tom Brookes and Graham Rippon who recently stood down as Chair and Treasurer.

A Defibrillator was purchased by the Parish Council and installed at the Post Office on Brinsworth Road.

Finally I'd like to congratulate Alan Buckley on becoming Mayor of Rotherham and wish him every success in this role

Garry Marsh
Chairman
Catcliffe Parish Council