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Chairman's Report

This has been a very busy year for the parish and the parish Council. As our community continues to change the Parish Council have tried to provide information and resources to residents to assist with their understanding of these changes. None bigger than the HS2 development and its impact on the community of Catcliffe.

To this end the Parish Council facilitated a consultation event with representatives from the HS2 development company. This event gave members of the community the opportunity to listen and put their questions directly. Members of the Parish Council also attended a number of drop in sessions where they could find out more about this development.

Since our last AGM Catcliffe has grown in size with numerous people now occupying the new homes being built on the Waverley site. Additional homes are now being proposed on the land behind Blue Mans Way and I'm sure the Parish Council will make representations as this development proceeds.

This year has also seen new members join the Parish Council and contribute towards the work it does on behalf of the residents of Catcliffe.

There are still a number of challenges that

the Council will have to deal with over the coming year. With cuts from central Government having a big impact on the ability of the borough Council to deliver services the Parish Council has had a number of discussions about potentially providing services on behalf of the borough to ensure that our community is kept to a high standard. We have also had discussions with Brinsworth Parish Council about running joint services such as basic street maintenance, grass and verge cutting and litter issues. It would seem as we move forward that more services may be devolved down to the local community as we all adjust to the impact of austerity.

The kiln after many years had had works carried out to ensure that the structure is safe and to prevent any further damage being caused. Although these works have been carried out the Parish Council will need to keep the pressure up to ensure that this prominent feature of our community is protected for future generations.

We have also seen works completed to the Children play area which has now seen this facility brought partially back into use with works programmed to complete this process over the next few months.

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The Parish Council has also begun the important work of commissioning a report about the future of the Memorial Hall. This could potentially see large works carried out to the hall to ensure its fit for purpose to the wider community for the coming decades.

With all these works and projects being carried out by the Parish Council it's clear that there are a number of challenges that the Parish Council will have to overcome on behalf of the residents. This is important work and takes a great deal of commitment by the Parish councillors and the Clerk.

The chair has a vital role in this work liaising with the Clerk and the Council. To this end I feel it is time that the Council had some new leadership to take on these new challenges. Over the past twelve months with a combination of work and political commitments I have found it increasingly difficult to commit the time that this important role deserves.

To this end I have decided not to continue or seek reselection as chair of the Parish Council. I have enjoyed every minute of being chair over the past five years and I will of course be on hand to offer advice and assistance to the new chair. I'd like to thank all the Parish Councillors, clerks and staff past and present for their assistance and commitment over the past five years to ensuring that our community is a better place to live.

Cllr Darren Hughes

Village Group Takes Shape

Friends of Catcliffe are now officially an organisation. Modern rules of red tape and constitutional requirements proved to be very frustrating but we got there in the end.

Our first get together was held in the Red Lion and was a great success with a good attendance. It just proves there are folk in the village who share our ambitions.

Our Facebook page continues to attract a good deal of comment and we were able to get Parish Council response on a number of issues for which we thank them. Working together is our mantra after all. A disappointment is that we are having difficulty liaising with local groups and commercial interests as we feel that things can only improve if everyone pulls together. Pulling together lessens the weight after all.

We are now looking forward to our Big Catcliffe Lunch. This is a nationwide event which takes place nominally on the 1st Sunday in June and full details of the Big Lunch can be found either on our Facebook pages or web site. For those without the great advantages of the internet who would like to know more, please get in touch using details below.

Briefly the idea is to organise a street party type affair for a street, a number of streets or as in our case, a whole village. We said we had ambition !

Unfortunately we felt unable to go ahead with the 1st of June date so we'll be holding ours on Sunday 29th June at the Memorial Hall. This is a great opportunity for villagers to have a practice lunch in their own street on the 'official' date maybe.

In preparation for this we held another informal social in the Red Lion on Friday 16th May. This was to give us a chance to collate ideas. We already had some offers for street type entertainment but we needed further input and offers of help.

NO ONE HAS TO JOIN A COMMITTEE but we'd be delighted if you did.

www.friendsofcatcliffe.org is our web site with links to various sites including our Facebook pages and full contact details. Elsewise you can contact:

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We are also an input link for the Rotherham Advertiser with Andrew Cater as Correspondent. Give us your news and we can pass it on.

Pete DeVeaux.

Local Slimming World Members Doing their bit for the Community

Big Hearted members of three local Slimming World groups in Brinsworth and Treeton raised a fantastic £1,103.39 for the Catcliffe Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre and lost a whopping 99 stone.

The money was raised during a 6 week sponsored slim in March/April and members donated change and ran raffles too. Slimming World Consultants Dawn and Joanne said 'We are really proud of our members for getting behind this great local community cause - a win/win for both the charity and Slimming World members who raised £'s whilst losing lbs.

The MS Therapy Centre is self funded and relies on donations to provide much needed therapy to local MS sufferers, their carers and families. The Staff at the Centre were delighted to have been chosen by local Slimming World members for this year's Slimathon and the money will be used to help keep the centre running.

For more information on Slimming World, Contact Dawn on 07949 500703 (Tuesday groups - Brinsworth West Community Centre @ 9:30am and also at Treeton Reading Room @ 5:30pm and 7:30pm) or Joanne on 0789 5271894 (Wednesday Group - The Waverley @ 5pm & 7pm).



Activities at the Catcliffe Memorial Hall

Why not visit the Catcliffe Memorial Hall and take part in the many different activities on offer there :-

Monday evenings

6.30 pm to 9.00 pm Bingo

7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Scouts activities

Tuesday

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm Yoga class

On the second Tuesday, each month, the Catcliffe Flood Committee meets at 7.00 pm

Wednesday

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm Cubs activities

The Parish Council meetings take place on the first Wednesday of every month (except August) starting at 6.00 pm

Thursday

12.00 noon to 3.00 pm Darby and Joan group

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm Yoga class

Friday

Borough Council surgeries

Alternatively if you want to hire the Hall for your own one off event or a regular activity current fees are only £17 per hour for residents / £20 per hour non-residents for the Main Hall or £7 per hour for the meeting room. Check availability by contacting the Clerk at catcliffecouncil@gmail.com or on 07758822654.

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Orgreave Picnic & Festival - June 2014

The Orgreave Picnic & Festival which takes place on Saturday 14th June at Catcliffe Recreation Ground marks the 30th Anniversary of the 1984/85 Great Miners' Strike.

The Picnic & Festival kicks off at 11 a.m with rousing music from the Unite Brass Band that will strike a note with everyone! There will be speakers, live music, other entertainment including a local pitman poet and theatre, stalls and refreshments as well as fun-filled activities for the children with the Action Space artists from Barnsley and a Bouncy Castle. The Picnic and Festival is a family day for all the community.



The event has been organised by the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign which seeks justice for those miners who were unlawfully arrested at Orgreave.

It's an all-day free event finishing at 7pm so feel free to bring your picnic and picnic chairs /table for a day to remember.

All welcome!

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