

Good evening all and welcome to annual village

My name is Simon Tennant I'm the Chairman of Addingham pc in my second term.

And I've been a councilor for 10years now.

At the start of a new term back in May we had just started to come out of lockdowns and some normality and as-semblance of order where starting to show. As far as the PC was concerned we wanted to get going and as a team we are very keen "most of the time"!

So we set about the first of several projects not in any particular order but a general overview as follows

1 Silsden Rd field and surrounding allotments have been blighted with water and this has been going on for sometime. We can now confirm the drainage in places has broken pipes, thanks to the investigation of our contractor. we have approved the repairs and Bradford also agreed to pay for half of the works need to reducing water logged areas. This will take place over the coming weeks

self seeded trees and overgrown hedges. We also had a contractor with machine to clear a couple of extremely overgrown plots. Fencing will also be replaced as and when is needed. Starting with Stamphill adjoining Nature Reserve.

3 new footpath adjacent to the mem hall car park and play area work starts here soon

thank you goes to residents who brought this to our attention for there help.

#### 4 Memorial grounds improvements stage one.

Our main objective is creating a clear difference Between the Memorial and other facilities on this site. We have the first of the improvements stage one complete with railings and arch now installed Fencing and new hedge to the left creating a banking over looking the pétanque court and securing the bowling Green. Preventing young bike riders from using it as a cut through. Phase two we will see further railings a new entrance to the pétanque area with disabled access ramp. New benches and more. Thanks to the environment group and our contractor Michael for the new fences and hedges.

#### 4 our muga continues to get a lot of use.

We have managed to avoid the need for replacing the surface due to wear and tear this time around. a buildup of moss was making it slippery in places. We had it cleaned this so far has improved the area. We will continue to review the court and suitable replacement surfaces as we go on.

5. Pavilion toilets. Unfortunately we had to close these for a short period due to vandalism and youths using them as a drug den. We will open them for summer with earlier closing.

6 Sugar hill and toilets. This is an exciting project that will see the much needed improvements to this central part of the village. With a path widening scheme and queens Platinum Jubilee Bandstand. Subject to planning and consultation. We hope to bring more news of this and the refurbishment of the public toilets. With better access for disabled users.

### Working together

We support many projects and groups throughout the year. Our totally locally Christmas market and pc light switch on was very well attended. This year Despite the weather we went ahead and all had a great time. It was nice to see people walking around together enjoying themselves. This was supported by the Parish Council through grant funding we received for rebooting the high street after Covid lockdown.

The Christmas lights themselves have had some replacements and we had ordered some new additions unfortunately these where delayed due to events outside of Tom our contractors control. As usual Tom Cochran and his team did an excellent job.

Thanks to everyone involved another successful switch on and market.

We also would like to say a huge thank you to another group who work tirelessly throughout the year to making the village look colourful and kept. That's the garden friends as usual the PC are more than happy to support them financially. We also got our gardening gloves on With guidance from Donn Barrett The Parish council members

cleared the bushes around the P toilets on sugar hill. That brings me on nicely to the best kept village sign and post refurbishment.along with a generous donation from two residents for the new bench and the civic society's project the pc where able to fund this works. Thank you Jim and your. Team

Working Together also with the civic society we have agreed to work together an a very important project our immediate response to climate emergency and biodiversity CAA climate action Addingham is in its early stages The working group is a collaboration speaking with one voice our aims are simple *Raise awareness, setting an example, engagement with residents young and old, agreeing priorities, from following the scientific evidence and advice.*

*First of these are reducing our carbon footprint, reduce waste, take care of water, promote nature recovery. It's going to be challenging but we need to take these actions now, together to restore habitat and live more sustainable We have some exciting projects that we want to get going asap.*

We are also working with our Addingham Community first responders who are custodians of the defibrillators throughout the village. I'm pleased to say this last 12mnths they have installed 3 additional defibrillator plus cabinets this was also part funded by the Clark foley trust. The cricket club installed one also and also thanks go to

*the businesses that have them positioned on there external walls. The Parish council continues its commitment to support the upkeep of these vital life saving equipment.*

*As a team of people the parish council work hard and give freely of there time, this was more apparent than ever when we launched into action in the first few days of the new year the pcs emergency planning group where called into action. The perfect storm we had no mobile communication no electricity in half the village and then the snow came. We opened the memorial hall up so People could come and warm up and we made food for them and warm drinks. It was heartwarming to see it wasn't just the pc that came to help several residents also came cooked and brought food another example of. How this village works together.*

*Sometimes we can't please everyone one of our examples of this was challenging the audited accounts a resident complained. This was investigated fully and we given a clean bill of health Exonerating Our previous Clerk Jane works. The external auditors gave us a bill for £6000. This has been the second of such actions the Parish council has had in recent years. As a direct result we now have to include in our budgeting. Sallie our new clerk has just had an audit and passed scoring 10/10 We are also for this new financial invested in new software for accounting this streamline the accounting functions and annual reports.*

Brings me on to Sallie our Clerk whole over the past year has done an exceptional job. She quickly identified key areas of improvements and implemented changes she didn't run out on us despite some of the challenges so I like to thank you for that. We also have Wendy who does a sterling job for the council looking after the hub if any of you have had a chance to go in the hub the displays are superb Wendy makes everyone feel welcome. She is also responsible for creating content for the quack page on Facebook. Wendy also takes care of the administrative side of the allotments a challenge all on its own.

Thank you also to Richard our Lengthsman who many of us see him regularly walking up and down with a bag picking up litter between toilet cleaning. Supporting works around the village is our contractors Tony, Peter and Michael they have worked hard this past 12 months in various areas making our village a nicer place to live .

We have lots to look forward to in the coming months not least of those the platinum jubilee celebration we are fully behind the organisers namely RHR our pc members

Dawn Catherine Michael Tony and Wes and wish them all a great successful few days.

Finally I would like to say to my fellow councillors thank you for all your efforts as I said earlier you give your time and energy freely. On a more personal level The support you have all given me over last 12 months is what makes living here so special! I'd like

to thank Graham for his support at times he's stood in at the last minute without  
warning chairing challenging meetings

The. Council welcome your questions .....— thank you .