

## Maintenance and projects.

We have had another busy time on the Parish council finalising and approving several projects that we are coming to completion. The first is the works at the war memorial as we look to finish the final stage. The most noticeable is the additional iron works to form a perimeter fencing that has enclosed the area, a new entrance to the pétanque court and playing field, remedial stone work, removal of hedge (replaced further up the banking) and stone steps increasing the space in the pétanque court area and finally 3 new benches. Our aim was to enhance the area and create a space that was peaceful and respectful of the memorial. I'm sure you will agree we have succeeded in our aim. Thank you to Peter and Michael again for their help fitting the new benches. There are still some small works to finish the project but we expect it to be completed shortly.

## Allotments

These continue to be successful and full let with a few on the waiting lists. The new fence is in place on the Stamphill site we also fitted a new gate lower stamphill and tree remedial works have been carried out throughout the year. Thank you to my fellow councillors for clearing the car park at lower stamphill. I know it was a selfless task but it was appreciated.

Main Street car park cleanup and cat transfer interest submitted. Thanks again to my fellow councillors a job well done.

Bottle tip wall rebuild completed. Looks a lot better and keeps in line with other works further along.

First of the benches are in sitting Bark lane and pavilion car park along with the three at the war memorial.

Our next project will be the refurbishment of the toilets at Sugar Hill and land surrounding the toilets. This has finally been transferred to our control from Bradford as a community asset transfer or CAT for short. This has been a long haul and has taken over 5 years to complete. Delays due to Covid and ever changing staff in departments has made the process slow and frustrating at times but I'm pleased to say it's secured an area in the centre of our village that we can now improve and we will be looking to consult with you all over the coming months. Thanks has to go to our Clerk Mrs Sallie Lloyd for seeing the transfer through to completion. Unfortunately the toilets had another attack from vandals on the gents side, they will remain closed until the refurbishment is complete.

## Accounts and General workings of council

Sallie has continued to gain certification to become a qualified clerk with the passing of Cilca this has meant we now can continue as we move forward with a new term of office with the general power of competency.

Our Accounts are using the New software for accounting and give a much clearer transparent transaction record we have been audited and I'm pleased to say have passed with flying colours.

The hub continues to be used more and more with groups taking advantage of the excellent facilities. Wendy has proven to be the perfect host managing the use and welcoming people into the hub. The warm space program was successful in that it was well used and coordinated. Volunteers made it not just warm but welcoming. Thanks Sallie and Wendy and all the volunteers for your helping in providing this space.

## Traffic

Speeding continues to be a problem. We have started a consultation process to find out what can be done to make it safer for all. Significant items remain outstanding these relate to speeding road layouts and pressure of traffic using Bolton Road. Thank you must go to Catherine for working hard and working diligently to coordinate with Bradford to help improve the road safety. Catherine and Sallie spent time compiling a list and visited every signpost in every corner of the village. These

have been reported to Bradford. We will continue every effort to make sure that these are actioned, and that we come up with a solution that works for all *Full Report at June meeting -*

Celebrations and events

*Platinum Jubilee 4 DAY event we supported*

*Christmas Market* *e.*