

Cllr. Thornton advised those present that during the year Cllr. Laura Romney left and as there was no demand by local residents to hold an election, Cllr. Kirsty Giles was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr. Thornton outlined the organisation of the Parish Council and confirmed that the structure of the Council remains the same as last year. The Parish Council is there to represent the views and interests of the Chineham residents.

Cllr. Thornton referred to the following consultations: Draft Revised Street Trading Consent Policy (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council), National Highway and Transport Satisfaction Survey (Hampshire County Council), Budget Consultation – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 – 2021/22 (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council), Vegetation Priority Cutting List Review (Hampshire County Council), Council Ward Boundaries for Basingstoke & Deane (Local Government Boundary Commission), Shaping the Future of England's Strategic Roads (Highways England), Major Road Network Consultation (Department for Transport) and a Green Infrastructure Strategy Review (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council).

Cllr. Thornton referred to the following work being overseen by the Recreation Committee chaired by Cllr. Sue Fuller: replacing the concrete bridge over Petty's Brook on Tollhouse Meadow (S.106 project), wild flower planting on the bund, a new play area on Hanmore Road by the Busy Bees Nursery (S.106 project), planting a community orchard behind the bund on the corner of Thornhill Way and Reading Road, installing a commemorative seat on Thornhill Way and the on-going management of the allotment site on Hanmore Road.

Cllr. Thornton provided an overview of the 55 planning applications considered by the Planning Committee during 2017. Cllr. Thornton referred to the following applications and consultations considered by the Planning Committee during the last year: an application for a development of nine houses at the Old Dairy site, the Draft Supplementary Planning Documents for the East of Basingstoke and Redlands site, a Draft Statement for Community Involvement relating to planning matters for public consultation, Sherfield-on-Loddon and Old Basing and Lychpit's Neighbourhood Plans and three different planning applications for the Razor's Farm development.

Cllr. Thornton advised those present that the Parish Council can award grants to local organisations and that during the year grants had been awarded to the Chineham Conservation Group and to the Chineham Tiger's Football Club.

Cllr. Thornton referred to the Parish Lengthsman Scheme that Chineham Parish Council has joined and highlighted the works undertaken by the Lengthsman on the footpaths leading down to Tollhouse Meadow on either side of Thornhill Way. Cllr. Thornton referred to the briefing provided by Virgin Media before the works started in the Parish and also the recent deployment of the Speed Limit Reminder sign on Hanmore Road.

Cllr. Thornton thanked all of the volunteers in the community. He made a special mention to the Community Speedwatch team, Neighbourhood Watch, the Chineham Allotment Team and the Chineham Conservation Group. Also to School Governors and all youth leaders in the Parish. Cllr. Thornton concluded his presentation by thanking all of the Councillors and staff for their hard work.