

Report 2021-2022

- 1) This year we have put the finishing touches to Station Rd Memorial Park, for which we continue to enjoy splendid positive feedback.
- 2) We have resumed normal service with meetings being conducted face to face and Dennis back in the office where residents are able to reach him by phone or in person.
- 3) Residents have also appreciated being able to call at the office to discuss policing concerns with PCSO Sara Staples in a confidential and private setting.
- 4) Links with our local policing team are strong and supportive. PCSO Staples keeps a log on any ASB, vandalism or nuisance incidents. Residents and ourselves are confident that issues reported are attended to promptly and thoroughly, for example the speed with which the escape of cattle onto Hillswood Park and subsequently Hillswood Drive was handled. The wildlife police officers also ensured that the boundary fence which was breached was replaced to a secure standard. They kept me informed throughout the incident.
- 5) Litter picking -Our thanks must go to The Lengthsman's team who regularly cover the Parish and more regularly certain 'hot spots'. They are vigilant on our behalf reporting finds that indicate activity that needs to be forwarded to the police and action to be taken. The team, which is now partially funded by SMDC, are now reporting an increase in litter content which is recyclable – it is now exceeding 80%. We also thank the unsung heroes - members of the public, many of whom go out on a daily basis, collecting litter and recycling it in their own bins at home.
- 6) Purely by chance we spotted the funding available from SMDC entitled Sporting Villages in the LPT. This resulted in a successful application for £6,700 to resurface the 300 metre running track at Hillswood Jubilee Park. We contacted SMDC officer Angela Dale who assisted our bid for £40,000 to deliver Phase 1 of the Hillswood refurbishment. Unfortunately this bid was not successful but with Angela's help we continue to explore other funding streams. This particular project remains near the top of my 'to do' list since I believe that the young people of this parish deserve some exciting and challenging 12-adult facilities.
- 7) Hillswood took the Jubilee Park name in this Jubilee Year as 253 trees were planted there this spring. Sourced free from the Woodland Trust they proved ideal for school children to handle. There is a wide choice of native species to suit all conditions and they are delivered as ordered with planting instructions, canes and tree guards.
- 8) Relations with primary schools have been strengthened with the Peat free Challenge. This project, resulting from Cllr Flunder's fund which provided both compost and vertical planter is ongoing. It is hoped to maintain a regular EHS representation at the Parish Council meetings to promote the exchange of needs, ideas and concerns via new contact Dave Nicholl. Endon High School's participation in the Hillswood Needs Survey was particularly successful and the Amenities Subgroup was able to assess and collate the needs and suggestions of this target age group.
- 9) The Parish Council are particularly proud of our involvement with our three schools and Scouts & Guides in our Remembrance Day Ceremony. For the second year this civil act of remembrance on the Station Rd Memorial Park, has not only attracted large numbers but some extremely positive feedback, this being so we have been approached to continue with this format in the future. This year the Village Hall has been booked and refreshments will be available. The public address system has been secured from the Chairman's Honorarium, the bugler engaged and EHS Head Boy and Head Girl will again present the Tower Poppy.

- 10) At this time our village has traditionally been adorned with poppies which increase in number each year. These poppies are cleaned and stored in the shed behind the village Hall, the majority being recycled for at least 5 years. This annual display by Fred Goldstraw has attracted so many compliments not only from residents but those who pass through on the A53. It is a tradition which the Parish Council fund, encourage and support and of which we are justly proud. Community Spirit was very much alive at Christmas when Endon Scout Group replaced our struggling Christmas Tree at the Fountain with a much more robust specimen which (fingers crossed) appears to be thriving. The PC provided 800 lights which the Scouts used, we agreed that another 200 are really needed. The PC supported the Charity Santa and Sleigh ride by our fundraising EPRP mums (now rebranded). Their intention is to run this event each year before Christmas with all donations going to a children's charity.
- During the last 12 months your chairman and vice chairman have been active PC reps as Trustees of Endon Well. Cllr Sambrook has drawn up plans for a new storage shed and your chairman has worked with Tim Weaver to secure £1,160 funding from Moorlands Partnership to pay for badly needed replacement pipe work to the well.
- 11) Sadly much of the PC's expenditure has been used to address acts of vandalism. To date we have replaced numerous panels in two bus shelters near EHS and one is still waiting to be installed. The bench at Moss Hill has undergone repairs and eventual replacement. Significant repair was also needed to a damaged bench opposite EHS. The Council has sought to repair before replacing and for this we thank the skills of the Lengthsman and his team and Andrew Stretch. Andrew has refurbished four notice boards and has recently repaired and reinforced the Endon sign near the Black Horse. This work saves considerable expense and ensures that the precept goes further.
- 12) This year we will once again attempt to develop a wildflower meadow on the A53 verge. In spite of agreeing a specific area with SCC the mowing team have so far not collaborated with this project. Other Moorlands parish councils have also complained about this, so we have formed our own climate change group with David Smith SMDC officer for Climate Change to try to influence some of these shortsighted policies.
- 13) Last year a total of £2000 was awarded in grants to community groups. It was disappointing that only two recipients had provided feedback, as requested, on how their grant was used.
- 14) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting on June 2nd. This is being organised by the Action Group, Parish Council and assisted by Endon Scouts and Guides. All plans are now in place for a free evening's non-stop entertainment from 8pm to 10.45pm. The lineup will include local choirs, dancers, drummers, piper and bugler. The beacon, which will be managed by Endon Scout Group, will be lit at 9.45pm by retiring Well Dressing Queen Maddison Barnett connecting us with beacons throughout the UK, the Commonwealth and overseas territories. Local schools will be displaying art work based on the Jubilee in the Village Hall. Food will also be available throughout the evening. The event will end with a spectacular laser show. All entertainment will take place in the Village Hall if wet. No outside seating will be provided.
- A long list of thankyou's will be published on our website and Facebook page. We have had superb community support and now hope the weather will be kind.