

Report of the Chairman

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It has been another busy year for the Parish Council and a year of change in the Village.

There has been a large amount of re-development in the Village. A large number of new houses have been constructed. The redevelopment of the former Brunswick Beech Special School site by the Alzheimer's Association has progressed well. The second phase of the re-development including the provision of a drop in café/facility for use by the public is well advanced.

There has been a lot of work carried out Parish Councillors, City Councillors, Officers and the City Council and residents in relation to the Residents Survey of the three Northern Villages relating to services and facilities in the area. The response to the survey had been encouraging and there had been an excellent response from the youth in the area. Work was still underway in relation to collating responses and working on the findings.

There were on going concerns regarding the future of the Pavilion. It was in a poor state of repair and the fabric of the building was deteriorating quickly. The uncertainty about its future was creating concern in the Village.

It had been a difficult year financially for the Parish Council. There had only been one football team using the Welfare Ground facilities during the year instead of the three in previous years. This had made a substantial impact on the income to the Parish Council. The costs associated with insurance and audit had also increased above the rate of inflation.

The Rest Centre had been re-decorated and the kitchen upgraded. This was appreciated by all users of the facility.

The work carried out by the Parish Councillors, City Councillors, Officers of the City Council, the Police, the Caretaker and the Clerk was appreciated and I would like to place on record my thanks for their support during the year.

The future year held many challenges and would be very interesting with work progressing on the outcomes of the Residents/Community Survey. Efforts would continue to ensure that the Village retained a community facility, the Pavilion or replacement building during the year. Without access to such a resource there would not be the opportunity to further develop the facilities for youth in the area.