

Chairman's report to the West Wickham Annual Parish Meeting 2016.

Your parish council has formally met 6 times this year. And also as necessary to discuss planning applications to meet SCDC planning deadlines.

Trevor Hall continues with his work on the village plan, this has included a meeting to the village reporting on the results of the village survey. These now form the basis of Trevor's next stage towards completing the plan. He and I attended a tour of SCDC affordable home projects that have been completed and it gave us a very good idea of what can be achieved. I will reiterate what I said last year. Let us hope we end up with some more homes for the young parishioners.

Alex Schuilenberg has taken on the task of trying to speed up our broadband. He has gone down all avenues that are available and he has been promised all sorts of solutions none have come to fruition yet but we do have a hard core of parishioners who are prepared to invest in an improvement as and when a firm proposal is offered.

Planning applications and the input from the planning officers continues to confound us.

My thanks go to your Parish Councillors for their attendance and work on other committees that they all attend. Particular thanks to Patrick Charlton as treasurer which he took on this time last year, he has kept us in order and our precept is under control.

Jenny Richards our clerk continues to keep us up to speed.

I have taken the opportunity to step down as chairman, I feel I have been in the chair long enough. It has been a privilege. Thankyou for the Parish support.

Marcus Cornish
23/5/16