

## **Atworth Parish Council, Parish Assembly Chairman's Report 18th April 2012**

**In reporting on the activities of the Parish Council over the past year, I must start by recording my thanks to Charles Boyle, our Parish Clerk. Charles was clerk for several years, during which time he guided us in a very professional manner. He was responsible for delivering our Parish Plan, which is very much a live document and protects our village from over development.**

**We have had one councillor vacancy this year, which was ably filled by Arnold Snowball.**

**As always, I wish to portray the year's positives and of course, the inevitable negatives.**

### **Positives:**

- **Parish Plan Update – We will be holding a public meeting, to discuss future action points. You are all cordially invited to that meeting and your input would be valued.**
- **We continue to maintain an excellent working relationship with our local Police. The additional surgery before each meeting of the Parish Council has proved useful. We are grateful for the time and care put in by PC Dalton and his team.**
- **Atworth Youth Club. This valuable community asset continues to provide a safe haven for our youth and Neston Estate has recognised this, by renewing the lease.**
- **The W.I continues to do a splendid job as Village Caretaker. The Parish Council are very grateful for their hard work, often in dreadful weather.**
- **Bus shelters – new and old. The new shelters are now in place and appreciated by many. The time table cases have also recently been installed, freeing up useful space in the village notice boards. The old shelter, adjacent to the Bear Garage was being abused and a decision was made therefore, to demolish it.**
- **Area Board meetings, we maintain a presence at both these important meetings and related sub groups, community area partnership, transport, community safety, etc. Time spent at these meetings, is well worth the effort. At the same time, funding can be sought for local projects.**
- **Traffic and parking related issues – we have achieved some ambitions, in terms of proposed enhancements, to areas such as Bradford and Coronation Rd. We are also working closely with residents, to progress waiting restrictions, in specific areas that currently suffer from drivers parking in a selfish manner.**
- **Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Plans are well advanced, to bring the community together, for this forthcoming special event.**
- **New Parish Council website – [www.atworth.org](http://www.atworth.org)**
- **Village Flag Competition – To create a unique flag for our village.**

- **2013 – Local Elections – Do you wish to make a difference?**

**However, on the negative side:**

- 1. Speeding through and beyond the village remains an issue; we are working with ATAG and Wiltshire Council to improve matters, where possible.**

**Other issues:**

**We, as a consultee of Wiltshire Council, have considered 17 Planning Applications during the past year.**

**Finally I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their work and support over the past year. I would also like to acknowledge, in advance of the reports you are about to receive, the hard work of the many volunteers and others, without whom this Parish would be vastly poorer, thank you for your contribution.**