

## **Chair's Report Full PC Meeting 16 11 21**

**For Information:** Sorry not to be with you again- chemo timings out of my control.

**The Service of Remembrance** was held this year in the Parish Church followed by wreath laying at the memorial. The church was full and the wreath laying well attended by a wide range of the community in spite of the drizzle. The service was led by the Rev Canon Andrew Vessey joined by Pastor Stuart Bulmer from the Baptist Church . and leading figures from the Royal British Legion. I lit a candle of hope during the service on behalf of the PC and then laid the PC wreath at the memorial. A dignified and well organised ceremony.

**Wakelyns** planning permission has been granted . Throughout the process we supported this application. In no way have we been ambivalent as suggested by the Ward member but instead outwardly supportive. The applicant went overboard to accommodate the concerns expressed by other parish councils and a few individuals in Fressingfield who were worried about the developments.

As part of the section 106 the Chief Planning officer has stipulated there should be quarterly meetings of the Parish Councils with the Applicant and the District Council for information about how the development is progressing and events are being managed; the meetings to be chaired by the Ward member, i.e. Lavinia Haddingham. This has been put in without any consultation. The meeting is not to be an opportunity to change any of the applicant's management of the site but purely for information. I have to say I am somewhat bemused by this. I am not sure that we can be made to attend any meetings. However, I will go to the first one and see if it has any merit.

**Drainage and Sewerage group:** This has now been brought back in-house to solely Council Membership: myself, Garry and Alex. A meeting with Anglia Water and Highways will be set up in the near future to discuss village issues.

### **Actions:**

#### **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).**

Nick and I have pulled together a brief digest on what CIL is about. It has been put on the shared drive . It's a short read so I urge you to have a browse and familiarise yourselves with particularly what we as a council can use it for. We will come back to this when we are ready to draw down on the benefits.

**Cemetery Plan:** In consultation with Andy, who manages the " workings" of the Cemetery, there is a draft plan for your consideration, on the shared drive. It would be helpful if you could think about supporting the notion of a Cemetery Oversight Group and volunteering to belong. This item will be discussed fully at a future meeting.

**Gentle reminder:** Please will all councillors check their e.mail account regularly, preferably daily. This is particularly helpful when there are financial checks to be made and signed off. It is taking the clerk a lot of time to chase up those of us who have to sign off financial matters and don't do it in a timely manner. This is both frustrating and eats into his contracted hours, which incidentally he is rarely able to keep to.

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