

SHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report for Wednesday 18th February 2015

Brian Adams has been a Councillor on Shilton Parish Council for 14 years and has made invaluable contributions to the area, particularly in Bradwell village where he lives with his wife Pat. Brian has decided to retire from Council work and therefore we will need to appoint a new Councillor for the financial year 2015/2016.

We will be advertising the position on the notice boards in both Bradwell and Shilton and on our council web site.

We extend our very best wishes and sincere thanks to Brian and Pat.

The Stonelands solar farm development progresses but we have written to HM Inspector who reviewed and upheld the developers appeal. We have expressed our concern regarding the process and communication associated with the appeal. We await a reply.

An application to improve and further develop the Blue Cross site prompted us to highlight some areas of concern that have been submitted in writing to the planning department at WODC.

The application to develop a solar farm at Shilton Downs Farm has resulted in a number of objections and these will be considered at the next WODC planning Committee meeting in February.

The second phase for improving flood defense in Shilton is now being planned.

Miss Bateman has agreed to the outline plan and there are sufficient funds remaining to cover the costs. Once a levels survey of the field is completed and the Environmental Agency endorses the plan we can commence a staged project that should see completion by the end of 2016. We will be circulating a plan and explanatory notes for circulation to all residents in Shilton.

We are discussing with Bradwell Village Management the option to rent an office in their village hall so that we can centralise parish records, hold a surgery for Parish residents to attend and provide a room for our Parish Clerk to work in.

The annual cost will be accommodated within the existing Parish budget.

We have commenced work on a local plan for the parish. A list of principles has been submitted to WODC for their consideration so that the development of the plan can be incorporated into their District plan.

Consultation and involvement from all will be required so that the plan reflects everyone's considerations.

The Shillbrook environmental survey is a project that will hopefully provide us with a defense against a renewed development application for housing in Alvescot Road, in and around the Shillbrook.

Our web site offers a lot of detail of what is happening in our Parish and it is updated, on a regular basis, by Ann our Parish Clerk.