

Chairman's Report 19th May 2021

COVID has presented a challenging year for everyone and has meant that the Parish Council have:

- Been unable to arrange groups of volunteers to work on our public areas
- No village events such as the Open Gardens
- Meetings have had to be held online, thank you everyone for your patience. Our online meetings have worked well but it is great, moving forward, to meet in person.

The village businesses have responded fantastically to the challenges. Moving forward we must continue to support these important village assets.

- Thanks to Kate and Jane for keeping our essential Shop and Post office open and going above and beyond doing deliveries and expanding their offering.
- After been without a pub in the village for many years, thanks go to Rob and Heloisa who during this difficult time opened the new Lime Tree Inn. They have quickly become an integral part of our community.

The grass cutting team have managed to carry on their work within the guidelines and our thanks go out to them along with the villagers who have continued to empty the dog waste bins that are not covered by the district council.

The marvellous Go Play team have realised the ambition of fundraising and replacing the Play area equipment. This rejuvenated facility is proving extremely popular and it could not have been achieved without these volunteers.

The work on the Fishpond to increase its diversity and erect an interpretation board was completed with funding from the Two Ridings foundation.

This coming year we intend to have the historic direction sign on the village green renovated by a company specialising in this work and it should then last another 100 years.

Many thanks to all the councillors, clerk and volunteers who make all this possible and I hope all gets back to normal soon.

Keith Scott

Chairman, Great Ouseburn Parish Council