

## **CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT – May 9<sup>th</sup> 2016**

I sincerely express my gratitude to the members of the Council for their support this year.

We welcomed three new councillors this year, John Herbert, Gill Holcroft and Michael Cox.

Over 59 planning applications have been considered by the Council over the last year and where necessary, appropriate comments have been made to the Borough Council.

Scarisbrick Parish Councillors are not remunerated in any way, shape or form.

An area of continuing major concern to the Council is the reduction in land drainage pumping for this and surrounding parishes. We jointly had a meeting with Halsall Parish Council in Feb 2016 following the floods in December which was well attended by district councils from Southport and West Lancs and the NFU.

Several bus shelters have been replaced this year with the program of inspection maintenance ongoing.

Churchyard grants this year were made to all churches and missions in the parish. Donations were also made to other organisations including Scarisbrick Village Matters.

The Parish has been represented at a number of functions throughout the year by various Councillors, thank you again.

The annual garden competition again proved popular and the standard of entries continues to grow year on year. We are grateful to Alan Foxhall and Peter Scanlon for freely giving their time and expertise to be the judges. This event would not be the success it is without generous sponsorship from local businesses and individuals.

Scarisbrick Hall School helped the Parish Council host an exhibition of World War 1 memorabilia for the public to view and fundraise for the Memorial which we hope will be erected by November 2016 for Armistice Day.

The Millennium Wood is still being used by the Public and is maturing with age.

Councillor Jane Marshall.

Chairman.

Scarisbrick Parish Council.