

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of the Parish Councillors for their continued commitment and contributions over the past year, bearing in mind the role is totally voluntary.

I would also like to thank Anne (Parish Council Clerk) for her dedication and commitment to the Parish Council despite receiving emails which have been both abusive and unpleasant to say the least over the past year, which has been very challenging and frustrating in more ways than one.

I would also like to thank our Ward Councillors Jane Evison & Jonathan Owen for their continued support and advice that they provide to the Parish Council.

I would also thank the residents who regularly attend the Parish Council meetings and for their contributions.

The past 12 months has been both frustrating and rewarding in the fact that we had the installation of the Bus Shelters in January/February which by enlarge has been greatly received and appreciated by the majority of the residents of Beeford with some very positive feedback being given.

We also embarked on a new project for the village and once again applied to the LWFF for a grant towards the project, this being to replace the existing Roundabout in the Children's Play area, the existing Roundabout has been the subject of our Annual Inspection report for a number of years which kept highlighting the potential hazards/risks that were becoming more obvious and apparent every year.

The New Roundabout is of a totally different design but one that is user friendly for everyone, whilst the new Roundabout initially received some adverse comments that it was not as good as the old one, it would appear to be settling in nicely and is becoming a very popular piece of equipment.

We also see has a village an ever increasing number of Planning Applications for new dwellings/developments within the village and despite the best efforts of the Parish Council in expressing their concerns and objections the Planning Dept of ERYCC continue to grant the applications knowing full well that the numbers of developments being approved is in direct contradiction of the ERYCC Local Plan despite this point being raised by the myself at a recent Planning meeting.

The mission statement of the Beeford Parish Council is and will always be to provide the best possible service to the residents of Beeford Village and to improve the facilities within the village for the benefit of everyone to enjoy/appreciate.

With the above in mind, we as a Parish Council have had to and will continue to make some decisions which will not always sit well with some of our residents but the decisions we make are and will always be in the best interests of both Beeford village and its residents.

The Parish Council website is updated on a regular basis by the Clerk and includes the latest information available and suitable contributions are always welcome and should be forwarded to the Clerk.

In conclusion it is my belief that we as a Parish Council along with the Clerk continue to show our commitment to the residents of Beeford Village and will continue to seek new ideas and if required the necessary funding of how to improve the village at every opportunity that may arise both now and in the future.

Keith McCloud
Chairman
Beeford Parish Council