

BEEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2018

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.

I would also like to thank Anne (Parish Council Clerk) for her dedication and commitment to the Parish Council which over the past year has certainly been a challenging time in more ways than one.

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

The past year has been a challenging and unsettling time for Beeford village with the prospect of an AD Plant application hovering over the village and if approved the potential disruption it may have caused.

In true community style and spirit, following a number of Public meetings the N.O.W. action group arranged for numerous fund raising events which along with contributions towards the fund to fight the appeal if necessary proved extremely successful, which on behalf of the residents of Beeford Village we owe you all a Massive THANK YOU. The final outcome being that the applicant withdrew their appeal/application which came as a relief to everyone who was opposed to the AD Plant.

As a Parish Council we have also encountered a vast number of applications for new developments within the village which far exceed the original ERYCC Local Plan recommendations and despite the Parish Council recommending refusal in some cases the Planning dept of ERYCC have approved the majority if not all of the applications with a number still awaiting their final decision.

We also embarked on a new project for the village and applied for a Grant from the LWFF to which we were successful in being awarded. We felt as a Parish Council that this year we should move away from the Children's play Area and concentrate on the wider population of Beeford village. It was agreed that we should look to installing 4 x Waiting Shelters in the village with them being located adjacent to the existing Bus stops within the village.

It is and will always be the mission statement of the Beeford Parish Council 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.

However the above being said as a Parish Council we have to make some decisions which do not always sit well with everyone within the village but the decisions we make are and will always be in the best decision for the majority of the residents.

The Clerk continues to update the Parish Council website and has received positive feedback in relation to the content on the website, contributions to the site are always welcome and should be forwarded to the Clerk accordingly.

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

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