

## TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014

*(To published on the Website, on the Noticeboards and in the Parish Magazine)*

This report is a summary of the work of the Parish Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. During the year Trevor Lewis resigned from the Council. I would like to thank Trevor for all his work as a Councillor, especially with regard to Health and Safety and Environmental issues. I am pleased to report that he has agreed to continue to advise on all our risk assessment and health and safety policies.

John Payne has been co-opted to the Council. John was previously a Councillor but resigned due to ill health. I am pleased to welcome him back.

I would like to record my thanks to Michael Lager, our former County Councillor and to welcome Councillor James Abbott who now represents us on the County Council.

The full Parish Council met nine times. The following matters have been discussed and dealt with by the various sub Committees and our Clerk.

#### Planning and Highways

Seventeen Planning applications were considered and recommendations passed to Braintree District Council.

Ongoing problems with potholes, replacing missing road signs and multiple other Highways related concerns.

Erosion at Terling Ford.

Speeding and parking issues.

Damage to verges by Heavy Goods Vehicles.

Terling Inn included in Braintree District Council's List of Assets of Community Value.

#### Health and Welfare

Maintenance of the Recreation Ground.

ROSPA Inspection of Children's Playground.

Replacement of the roundabout in the playground.

Village Emergency Plan.

Cleaning of War Memorial.

Painting telephone kiosks.

#### Finance

Grants were made to:

Terling Swimming Club

The Mothers' Union

The Always Welcome Club

Terling Village Hall

Terling Ladies Club

Terling Bellringers

Terling School

Terling Cricket Club

A poppy wreath was purchased for Remembrance Sunday

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and our Financial and Business Risk Assessment were reviewed and approved.

### Environment and Footpaths

The P3 Partnership with Essex County Council for the maintenance of footpaths  
Litter Picks and the continuation of the Streetscene agreement with Braintree District Council.

### IT and Publicity

Essex Superfast Broadband Project.  
Internet Café.

### Boundary Review

In an effort to reduce the number of District Councillors, Terling and Fairstead will be warded with Hatfield Peverel as a two Councillor Ward.

### Village Design Statement

This was finalised, ready for submission to Braintree District Council. I would particularly like to Thank Colin and Heather Cutler for their work on this project.

### War Memorial Commemorative Project

The Council were pleased to sponsor a commemorative book recording the names and details of all those recorded on our War Memorial. This has been compiled by Heather Cutler and we are grateful to her. Copies of the book are in Terling and Fairstead churches.

Further details on all these issues can be found in the minutes which are published on the website or are available, on request, from the Clerk.

There are many people I would like to thank.

Daniel Jiggins and Alan Jiggins, our Handymen  
Lord Rayleigh  
Alex Dyke  
Angus MacWillson, Tree Warden  
Trevor and Joyce Lewis, Health and Safety  
Colin and Heather Cutler, Village Website and Internet Café  
Wendy Hill, Internet Café and Publicity  
Victor Roome and Sue Poole, caring for the Fuller Street Telephone Box  
Daphne Parris, Passenger Transport  
Debbie Burns, defibrillator checks  
PCSO Nikki Doubleday  
Terry Blunden, Greenfields Representative  
Maurice Howard, Internal Auditor  
Margaret Galione and Tom Cunningham, our Braintree District Council Representatives  
All who have helped with Litter Picks

My special thanks go to my fellow Councillors Sheila Alder, Ann Anderson, Pauline Bird, Julia Cook, Robin Dixon, Reg Hunt, John Payne, Louisa Sime, Ian Smith and Darren White.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk, Jayne Halfhide, who works tirelessly on our behalf and is always on hand to advise and ensure that all runs smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you for your interest and I hope to see you at a Parish Council Meeting in the near future.

*Sarah McNamara  
Chairman  
20th May 2014*