



Slinfold Parish Council

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CHAIRMANS REPORT SUMMER 2020

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

The Parish Council has been working through the lockdown as well as we can, and we will continue to adapt our working methods as the situation changes. Our committee meetings and Council meetings are continuing to the usual schedule but are now all conducted with telephone and video conferencing. Members of public are of course able to join our full Council meetings – just contact the Clerk for details. Some aspects of council business have slowed up (planning applications, for example), but we are trying to keep up as much momentum as we can. We were disappointed that we had to cancel the VE Day celebrations – but plan to hold some sort of ‘village day’ when this is possible.

The Parish Clerk has worked throughout, now carrying out her duties from home. Once restrictions have eased sufficiently, we will re-instate the regular ‘surgeries’ at the Football Club pavilion. Both our Environment Officers are now back at work and you may see them around the village.

I want to pay tribute to Sam Graycon and the staff at the village shop who have done a wonderful job of keeping the shop open and stocked. I know that this has been an important service for many residents. I also want to thank all the Slinfold volunteers who have helped those residents who have been shielding (and many who still are) and everyone who has helped their neighbours and friends. In these strange times, such community solidarity and support is wonderful to see.

Finally, my thanks to Shirley Haines and Nic Lewis who have both stepped down from the Council in the past couple of months. Shirley was only with us for a few months before unfortunately having to step down. Nic had been on the Council for 4 years and chaired the Finance Committee for almost all of that time; making an important and welcome contribution to the Parish over this time. While being sad to see these councillors leave, we are pleased to welcome three new councillors: Chris Casdagli, Tony Hall and Paul Longley. There is still one vacancy, which has been recently advertised, and we expect to appoint another councillor in the next couple of months.

I wish you all an enjoyable, safe and healthy summer.

Neil Beer

Dr. Neil Beer, Chairman, Slinfold Parish Council