

Chairman's Blog

Meeting of the Parish Council 15th May 2017

- 1. Parish Council:** The Annual Parish Council elected Councillor Paul Blanchard as Chairman and Councillor Cathy Kimberley as Vice-Chairman with special responsibilities given to individual councillors.
- 2. Children's play equipment:** Two younger members of the parish, Seth and Aiden, reported back on a survey that they had conducted on desirable play equipment. The Parish Council found this extremely useful. It will feed into their considerations of improvements and updates of equipment. Thanks were given for an excellent presentation.
- 3. Dog Fouling:** The Parish Council has purchased a poobag dispenser which is located at the entrance to the playing field for the use of dog owners who have forgotten to bring their own.
- 4. County Councillor:** Anne Parry will be our County Councillor following the boundary change and the recent election.
- 5. Parish Council Website:** The domain name, snitterfieldparishcouncil.org.uk, has been purchased by the Parish Council, and the website will be developed over the coming months.
- 6. Sports Club Development Proposal – Working Group:** Two meetings of the Parish Council's Working Group were reported. A consultation leaflet was agreed and distributed around the parish.

The Working Group suggested that professional advice be sought on the viability of the Sports Club Development Proposal. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's solicitor had considered the legal matters regarding a lease and reported as follows:

- A lease on non-commercial terms would normally be for 30-50 years and any variation would have to be approved by the Charity Commission. A 99 year lease on commercial terms would not be a problem.
 - The Charity Commission would insist on thorough consultation with the parish residents.
- 7. Litter pick-up:** There will be a litter pick-up event on 2nd June. All are welcome to support this activity. Contact Councillor Corrine Elliott for details.
 - 8. Local Affordable Homes:** The Parish Council has been informed that discussions are ongoing with regard to local choice affordable homes behind Shaw Close.