

## **Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 14th May 2018**

We currently have a vacancy for a councillor, so if anyone is interested....

We continue to try and serve the village effectively and we hold monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month, (except August); as well as the occasional extra meeting should circumstances so demand. We still have arrangements so that members of the public can make a contribution to the meetings. We are always approachable should anyone wish to discuss something outside the formal meetings. We continue to have regular contact with the Village Society and we both continue to work together on local issues. Our meetings are now usually attended by one of 3 district councillors as well as the county councillor.

We consider planning applications at each meeting. The applications continue to cover a vast array of developments that range from the straightforward to the contentious. We are happy to receive comments from any residents about any planning application, in fact we would encourage more people to speak out sooner; this is true either 'for' or 'against' an application and is not restricted to the scale of the development.

The 20 mph in School Road has been in place and has made a difference, (despite an accident yesterday); we are looking into the possibility of extending the 20mph zone to include the Green, Brockhill Road and Sandling Road, but the process is expensive and long. (We will also need to liaise with Hythe Council).

We should have a new flag pole at the village hall site and I hope that things will be ready for November. We expect to be supporting other groups marking Remembrance Sunday this year.

The 'Garden Town' plan at 'Otterpool' seems to be progressing. We are working with other councils and groups within Shepway so that Shepway receive comprehensive feedback. There are still meetings being organised and the consultation process is ongoing.

I would like to thank June & all the councillors for their support.