

Houghton PC Chairman's Report 20/21.

It has been a very busy year and because of Covid, all meetings were conducted on Zoom.

This is a short summary of PC activities, many of which are on-going and the details of discussions and decisions can be seen in the PC minutes, published on the PC web site.

Planning, mainly routine but with one or two more serious ones involving major property addition or change. Quite a number of Tree works, crown lifting and removal. House holders being reminded of our village wish, one deciduous removed then plant three replacements.

Lengthsman, tree inspection and Playpark. Our Lengthsman continues to provide a good service, maintaining Village owned hedgerows, verges etc. The two large trees in the park remain reasonably healthy. They are inspected yearly. ROSPA continues with the yearly play equipment inspections. The PC is planning to provide some small young year's equipment for younger children, in response to requests.

NDP. This very important document is part of our constant battle to preserve our rural conservation village. It is now in its final stages and will be part of TVBC's local plan 2016-29 and become part of planning regulations. Villagers will have a final vote on this.

CCTV. Following a very large number of garage break ins prior to Xmas and regularly ever since, it was decided to investigate the benefits to the village of installing CCTV. After a number of PC discussions and public input it was decided to go forward and appoint a consultant and obtain three quotes, this is proceeding. Please see PC minutes for details.

Lastly many thanks to our Councillors and our Clerk for their hard work throughout the year to ensure our PC remains effective. Alan Young, Chairman Houghton PC