

## **SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT.**

FOR REASONS OBVIOUS TO US ALL THE LAST 15 MONTHS HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT, DESPITE THIS THE PARISH COUNCIL MET REGULARLY BY ZOOM AND WERE JOINED BY A NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO WERE VERY WELCOME. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ANDREW REID (COUNTY COUNCILLOR) AND JAMES MALLINDER (DISTRICT COUNCILLOR) BOTH OF WHOM MANAGED TO JOIN US AT MEETINGS. THANKS TO YOU BOTH FOR YOUR INPUT AND GUIDANCE. Special thanks to James for the Goody Bags from East which were given to the Elderly and Vulnerable members of the village

### **DURING THE PERIOD THE PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVED A NUMBER OF TASKS, COVID PERMITTING.**

**COVID PLAN:** PARISH COUNCILLORS IDENTIFIED THE LIKELY NEEDS OF VILLAGERS AND PRODUCED A ONE PAGE WORKSHEET OF USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS AND SERVICES THEY WERE ABLE TO OFFER SUCH AS LIFTS, SHOPPING, PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION AND DELIVERY PLUS THE ODD BIT OF GARDENING/LAWN CUTTING. THESE SERVICES WERE WELL RECEIVED ALTHOUGH MANY SHOTTISHAM RESIDENTS WERE ALSO WELL SUPPORTED BY NEARBY FAMILY MEMBERS

Special thanks to Pat Southgate and Lesley Roberts (Parish Clerk)

**PLAY AREA :** RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLAY AREA WAS TAKEN OVER BY PAT SOUTHGATE WHEN SHE JOINED THE PC AND SHE HAS ENSURED A SYSTEM OF REGULAR REVIEWS AND REPAIRS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, ANNUALLY THERE IS A THOROUGH CHECK BY ROSPSA WHO WILL IDENTIFY AREAS OF CONCERN, TO ENSURE NOTHING SLIPS BY PAT ON THE PLAY AREA QUARTELY INSPECTIONS AND REPAIRS ARE UNDERTAKEN.

Special thanks to Pat for all her work and Councillors Bouscarle, Widdup and Wass who have carried out a number of repairs saving the PC a lot of money. Finally not to forget Pat’s partner Steve who has assisted with inspections and repairs.

**HIGHWAYS:** PETER WIDDUP IS THE COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES WHICH ARE DEPLOYED TO TACKLE SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE. THIS INVOLVES PETER REGULARLY REMOVING THE BATTERIES FROM THE DEVICES, CHARGING THEM, AND RELOCATING THE SID ON ONE OF THE THREE POLES AROUND THE VILLAGE. PETER IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE POSITINING OF A FOURTH POLE AT THE HOLLESLEY END OF THE VILLAGE. Thankyou Peter for this vital work.

We have recently welcomed Katie Emmerson onto the Parish who besides dragging the average age down substantially presents a young mother’s voice to the proceedings and we expect to benefit substantially from her Presence.

FINALLY LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK LESLEY, OUR PARISH CLERK, WITHOUT WHO’S GUIDANCE WE WOULD FLOUNDER LIKE A BOAT WITHOUT A RUDDER. Thankyou Lesley.

FOR THE REST OF THE NEXT YEAR MUCH OF THE SAME WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAY AREA AND INVESTIGATION INTO SPEEDING HOT SPOTS IN THE VILLAGE AND HOW BEST TO COMBAT THEM. WE ARE PLANNING FOR A LITTER PICK SOON. ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROAD SIGNS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CLEANED AND THE FOLIAGE AROUND THEM CLEARED ANY ONGOING HELP ON THIS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME

