

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AS SUBMITTED  
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – CLIVE ARTHEY  
FOR THE MAY 2019 MEETING

2018 – 2019 was the last year of the Parish Council's four-year term. Thank you to all of the councillors for their attendance and contribution. WE say goodbye to Frances Moore and David Waldron and thank them for their time as Councillors and David for his period as a past Chairman.

Whilst we are a small village, we have to attend to the same statutory requirements as all Parish Councils, so particular thanks to our Clerk, Vicky Waples, who ensures we attend to everything we should, and as our Responsible Financial Officer keeps our accounts in good order. Thanks also to our County Councillor, James Finch, for continuing his regular reporting of County issues during a year when he was still recovering from illness.

The Boundary Commission's changes to the district ward boundaries resulted in Lindsey being grouped with Aldham, Chelsworth, Elmsett, Kersey, Nedging, Naughton, Semer and Whatfield in Babergh's new South East Cosford ward. For Bryn Hurren that marked the end of sixteen years as our District Councillor. We have been fortunate to have had Bryn's help and support throughout that time, and we are immensely grateful for his commitment to the village. As a token of our thanks he was presented with an inscribed tankard at his last Lindsey Parish Council meeting.

Among the local issues we have considered are two that are highway related. Road safety on the A1141 between the Semer/Lindsey boundary and Canada Cottages had been raised, and we have asked Suffolk County Council to look into a possible speed restriction on this stretch of road. Unfortunately, our long-standing concerns over visibility at the Kersey crossroads junction onto the A1141 remain unresolved. We are hopeful that a bit more pressure from Councillor Finch might finally improve the situation.

There were two particular highlights of the year. Firstly, following the installation of fibre to cabinets at both ends of the village 'superfast' broadband was finally available to us all. There had been times when we had thought it might never happen, and even after the cabinets were installed it was a long wait before they were connected. Now our memories of living with 0.3Mbps are fading fast.

The main highlight was the commemorative beacon, commissioned by the Parish Council for the memorial to mark the centenary of the First World War armistice. The beacon was erected on the meadow opposite the Lindsey Rose and the ceremonial lighting and remembrance was attended by over a hundred people from the village and beyond. The beacon will remain in place and available to commemorate future events.

Once again this year our meetings have not attracted many parishioners, which I hope means they are content with life in our wonderful little village!