

TPC Chairman Report May 2021

Due to the pandemic the PC meetings could not be held in person but had to be virtual Zoom meetings. We had a lot to discuss but we managed better than I thought we would. This was mainly due to the excellent organisation by Lisa our clerk.

It has been a busy year. The neighbourhood plan has been completed after a lot of hard work by the group. It was delayed because of COVID but has been submitted so hopefully it will soon be out to referendum. Recreation Field committee and Cemetery committee meetings have also been attended.

Some of the usual projects organised by the PC have been unable to take place such as the litter pick but we did manage to plant 9 Cherry trees in the village and a working group tidied up the Field of Hope. The work on the bridge over the Coquet has been completed and it looks very smart. Traffic calming measures at either end of the village have been installed and some parking restrictions on the road near the nursery to help traffic flow and improve safety have been put in place.

There have been a number of planning issues and several including Burgham and the airfield are on-going. Northumberland Estates won their appeal for their housing application, this was very disappointing after a long fight by the PC and some residents.

The airfield has taken up a lot of PC time due to the number of complaints we have received from parishioners. In the March 2021 meeting there 17 members of the public in attendance and there were many questions about the lack of response from NCC regarding the situation with the airfield. The PC have initiated a Stage1 formal complaint with NCC. Some residents have also done the same.

I need to end my report by informing all the parish that I am resigning from the PC. I have done 13+yrs and think it is time for someone else to join the council. I would like to thank not only the present councillors but others that have also retired for their support over the years.

Hazel Lindley

Chairman