

CLAWSON HOSE and HARBY PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Business of the Parish Council continues to be dominated by major planning applications encouraged by the absence of an effective Local Plan. The Borough Council has still not resolved this.

The Neighbourhood Plan group, together with our consultants, Yourlocale, have made excellent progress in developing our Neighbourhood Plan and the draft document was presented to the Parish Council at the February 2017 meeting for consideration. If this is approved at the March meeting we can move forward and offer the plan for public consultation at village meetings at the end of April.

In Long Clawson the Village Memorial Stone has been installed on The Sands and was blessed at a well attended ceremony.

The fencing around The Sands play area has been replaced.

There have been several major planning applications, all of which are awaiting decisions, (ref Local Plan), and major concerns regarding flooding, traffic and school capacity.

An application to build 10 houses near Coronation Avenue has been approved.

In Hose, a planning application to build 25 houses on the corner of Canal Lane has been approved.

Discussions between the Neighbourhood Plan team, local land owners and residents regarding possible additional sites are progressing.

In Harby, planning matters continue to dominate proceedings. Permission has been granted, on appeal, to build up to 53 houses on the former Millway Dairy site. 15 houses have been approved on a site adjacent to Boyers Orchard and 10 are in progress on Langar Lane. 5 Bungalows are under construction on Stathern Lane. An application to build 50 houses on Colston Lane is awaiting a decision by the Borough Council.

The Playground Group have completed the improvements to the playground on the Leys. These have been extremely well received by everyone. Again we must thank them for their efforts.

Two well used footpaths in the village have been cleared.

Fund raising for a new Half Pipe continues.

The accounts for 2016/17 are not yet finalized but it is likely that we will be able to report a surplus at the year end.

Finally, I would like to thank the Clerk of the Council and the elected members for their continued efforts throughout the year.

Phillip Tillyard.

Chairman of the Parish Council.