# CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2010

The Council has had a busy year – This report is a summary of the activities that the Council has undertaken over the last year, April 2010 to March 2011.

Membership

Your Councillors remain as Cllrs Angela Ballard, Jack Fryer, Colin Hales, Jon Haworth and Mark Sullens.
Jack Fryer was re-appointed Chairman in May 2010 and Colin Hales Vice Chairman.

Clerk

Karen Parnell continues in her role of Clerk to the Council. Karen has a Certificate of Higher Education in community Engagement and Governance.

Meetings

The Council has continued to meet every other month usually on the second Tuesday of the month (actual dates are posted on the notice board and website). Our meetings are well supported by District Councillors Kim James, Brian Slaughter and Daren Pemberton and by County Councillor Peter Barnes who attend regularly and impart knowledge and advice.

The council meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity to ask questions on any issue relating to the village and generally to find out what is going on in the area. We look forward to more people from the village making use of this facility in the future.

What have we done?

Village maintenance has been assessed continuously and a number of projects have been completed, including the erection of the new post box. Highway maintenance issues are frequently assessed and the parish council has a good and communicative relationship with the district and county councils.

Traffic calming remains an issue the council is committed to address. We have facilitated a speed visor for a six month period which is now in place, as well as continuing to liaise with the county council on the Speedaware programme. We have enabled the temporary speed visor on rotation with other parishes, as well as posters around the village on speed reduction.

We fully support the village hall committee in the effort to improve the village hall and promote activities therein on our website and in our newsletter.

The council now owns the red phone box and future usage of this is currently being considered including the possibility of using it as a noticeboard.

Planning

We have assessed and provided local input on a number of planning applications.
Wixford Parish Councils stance is in capitals.

Application(s) reference: 10/00853/FUL
Mr Goodwin
2 Crabtree Farm, Wixford, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6DG
Proposed: Change of use of existing workshop to include repair and maintenance of cars in addition to agricultural vehicles and machinery. Part change of use only and utilisation of existing vehicular access and hardstanding. OBJECT Granted with Conditions

Application(s) reference: 10/01031/LBC
Mr M Kent
Horseshoe Cottage, Wixford, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6DA
Proposed: Removal of render to front right side of cottage to expose original brick frontage. Repair the brickwork and paint to match the white of the panels in the timber frame left side of the cottage. SUPPORT Granted with conditions

Application(s) reference: 10/01229/FUL
Mr Roger Brookhouse
Moor Hall Farm, Wixford, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6DL
Proposed: Erection of agricultural building (retrospective). SUPPORT Granted with conditions

Application(s) reference: 10/01961/FUL
R S Brookhouse Engineering (Evesham) Ltd
Moor Hall Farm, Wixford, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6DL
Proposed: Hybrid application seeking: (1) Full planning permission for the erection of a storage/workshop building; external storage of machinery; associated engineering and landscaping works. (2) Outline planning permission for the relocation of the existing bungalow and stables, with all matters except access reserved.
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Finance

For the year 2009-10 Wixford received an unqualified audit return from the external auditor.

Karen Parnell is the Responsible Financial Officer to the Council.

The precept was set in November 2010 at ï¿½ 5500.

The budget has been set for 2011 – 2012

The Council reviewed its Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Fixed Asset Register at the January 2010 meeting.

Communication with Parishioners

It is very important that the Parish Council communicates well with the Parish. Over the last year the Parish Council has done this in the following ways:

Public participation in meetings

Regularly updated information on the notice board and Website, including agendas for meetings: The website is the most up to date communication from the parish council and community forums and police newsletters are added as soon as the information becomes available, as are planning decisions.

Newsletters published at least four times a year. Cllr Jon Haworth does an excellent job as Editor and the professional looking publication promotes many local activities and news stories. Input is sought from residents prior to publication.

The Clerk’s postal address, e mail address and telephone number are publicised on the noticeboard and on newsletters, as are the Councillor’s.

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Your Council and Clerk are here to help. Do not hesitate to contact us.

Signed: Jack Fryer Chairman – Wixford Parish Council

27th March, 2011