CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2017/18

Another year has flown and I’m still not sure how many more reports I can write. It seems to have been a quieter year, there has been less smells around with Ashbourne taking the brunt. There have been fewer planning applications with the majority decided contrary to the council’s views. The Local Plan has been put to bed where it may languish and die, already its sustainability principles are being eroded with variations. There does not seem to be much thought for any egress from the airfield, once it has occurred.

One item has troubled the council all year and that is the crossroads, a communication problem. The sign doesn’t communicate correctly and Highways won’t talk with us. The winter damage (potholes) seems to have been mended, so a thank you to Highways there.

Community projects by the Council have been slightly hit and miss this year. The defibrillator is up and running, our thanks to Councillor Cranstone for his input on that and also on the ongoing maintenance work in the parish. The Interpretation Board is another story, but the delays have brought the Council into greater contact with the Historical Group and I hope this is the start to collaborative work promoting Osmaston & Yeldersley.

The Council’s work continues, my thanks to Fiona for keeping us on the tracks, but attendance has dropped across the board, the police have not been once (but we continue to be in constant touch with them). Our Councillors’ (all categories) attendance has been down this year for diverse reasons, injury, illness, work, even Derby County, so I ask the simple question “Is there a better way”?