

Chairman's Report April 2015.

Looking on the year as a whole the abiding memory is one of very benign weather, which meant that the parish council had not to deal with snow and storm and tempest.

We had a change of clerk as Jane Johnstone moved out of the village but fortunately Christine Davidson stepped up to the mark and has the makings of a good clerk and is currently undertaking training, welcome.

The royal oak was planted in the school grounds and will have a plaque attached, the WESTMORLAND sign was also planted south of the village, both these items seemed to have taken a long time to come to fruition.

For many the development of the remaining land at Church Bank Gardens is the big issue of the year and for many not a welcome one. I hope that the meeting facilitated by the council between the residents and developers was useful even if it left a lot of questions only partly answered. I suspect this one will run and run as they say. I think that the parish council should develop a protocol to deal with proposed developments of more than a few houses as there will be more proposals coming forward for the allocated land in the next few years.

As ever, can I thank the other councillors for their work and support for the last year.