

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021.

Cllr Roberts thanked all involved in ensuring that the Parish Council kept going through the unique challenges of 2020-21. By changing to online meetings, the council had managed to complete all of its regular responsibilities. Using Zoom, it was also possible to interview and appoint our new Clerk/RFO Alison Utting when Karen Smith-Wells decided to retire from her role in March 2021.

The second phase of the work on the church wall was completed with a substantial contribution of funds from the Parish Council. It is hoped that the flooding problems at Leg O'Mutton Road have been sorted following the recent drainage improvements carried out by Sundorne Estate. Funds have been committed to the work on the village hall fence, which will resume shortly. SmartWater kits have been purchased and are ready for distribution shortly.

There is still a considerable amount in the Neighbourhood Fund reserve (£2447 available overall, of which £1809 needs to be spent by end of the current financial year). The Parish Council will seek ideas and suggestions from parishioners on how this should be spent.

Highway safety at Haughton crossroads is still a problem and will remain under review.

Cllr Roberts ended by thanking Cllr Lezley Picton for her support over the last two years and congratulating her on her election as Leader of Shropshire Council.