

## **CHELSWORTH PARISH MEETING**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: November 12th 2016**

This Report summarises the main Parish Meeting matters from the last six months. As usual I will highlight only the main elements at the Meeting itself, but if you would like to know more about any of the matters, please let me know.

#### **1. Community Events various:**

- 1.1. The Farm Tour was a great success even though attendance dropped a bit this year with rain clouds threatening. Those who did attend found it enjoyable as always and our thanks go to James Buckle for hosting
- 1.2. The Open Gardens Day. Despite the river flooding two days before and The Street turned into a river by a down-pour two hours before opening we had another pleasant and successful day. Many thanks to Alison Russell and the wider team for their fortitude in pulling success from the jaws of impending disaster!
- 1.3. The Queen's Birthday Picnic gave the new Committee to showcase their efforts to improve and restore the playing field. Despite threatening weather (a theme developing here!) almost 50 people joined in the celebrations
- 1.4. History Group: This new group led by Julie Partridge and Alison Russell met twice in the quarter. Some of the photographs viewed at one meeting are now on our new website
- 1.5. Somme Centenary: A Commemoration service to mark the 100th anniversary was held in the church
- 1.6. And finally, the Xmas Fair is nearly upon us, with my better half putting final preparations for this year's event in place

#### **2. Traffic and the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)**

Philip Lancaster / Peter Kievenaar - for which many thanks – continue to deploy the speed sign when it is our villages turn to use it. It still seems to calm speeds when in use

#### **3. Planning**

- 3.1. **Village Plan.** We completed the promised consultation exercise with around a 1/3 of villagers responding. A separate document is being circulated to the meeting giving the results
- 3.2. **Permissions:** Sundry Planning Applications (or similar) have been made since the last meeting:
  - 3.2.1. Carol Sugden's application to build a single-story house behind The Old Manor was successful
  - 3.2.2. An application for work on trees at Chelsworth Hall has been approved.
  - 3.2.3. An application for a new barn off the Bildeston Road was agreed with a few amendments

**New Village Website:** With a generous grant of £600 from Jenny Antill we completed the rebuild of the village website which can be reached on