

Chairperson's Overview of the Parish Council Year 2015-2016

For the last twelve months I have again held the position of Chairperson and together with the other members of the Parish Council have continued to improve the area and facilities for the residents of Coppull.

Improvements have continued at Springfield Leisure Park with the extension of the pedestrian access to the play facilities. With the increased motor vehicle movement, it was a necessity to provide the footpath extension and this has now been extended to include access up to the skateboard facilities and will hopefully conclude with the extension in front of this in the very near future. There is further work to be completed to landscape the surplus materials following the installation of the Tarzan Swing. The Zip Wire has proved very popular with both children and adults. The Council continues to try to alleviate the problems with dog fouling.

One great achievement this year has been the opening of the allotments. All plots are now up and running and indeed extra plots have been provided. The Allotment Committee has been successful in obtaining funding for the provision of a toilet and wash facilities and the Council has been instrumental in the provision of an area for the erection of the facility. I can confirm that this will be completed in the very near future.

The Council has campaigned together with residents to save the Library facilities in Coppull and we await the outcome of ours and residents' efforts.

Lancashire County Council's Highways Department is continually being contacted to make improvements to the roads in the village. After numerous years, the mini-roundabout at the junction of Spendmore Lane/Preston Road and also the mini-roundabout at the junction of Clancutt Lane/Spendmore Lane had been put into the budget and indeed have just been completed. A new zebra crossing has been put near to Clancutt Lane and the two other crossings on Spendmore Lane have been refurbished. A number of roads are also due to be resurfaced, including parts of Spendmore Lane. The Parish Council will continue to press for other necessary works in the village.

Improvements continue to be made to the Village Hall providing facilities for Noah's Ark Nursery.

Christmas saw the installation of the usual lighting plus additional lighting at the Berry Garden and also respectful lighting in the Memorial Garden.

I have, together with the Trustees, continued to provide and improve the facilities at Springfield Leisure Centre. The installations and improvements at the Centre have been well received. There has been an increase in the number of bookings for parties at the Centre and a special thanks should be given to Councillors who give their time freely to improve and manage the Centre.

The Parish Council will continue to work on behalf of the residents and I would like to thank all Councillors for their support over the last twelve months.