

Chairperson's Overview of the Parish Council Year 2017-2018

Over the past year I have again held the privileged position of Chairperson of Coppull Parish Council and, together with fellow members of the Parish Council, have continued to make improvements to the area and amenities for the residents of Coppull, a position which I thoroughly enjoy and am passionate about.

Some of the projects which the Parish Council has been involved with are as follows:

- Springfield Leisure Park – continues to be maintained to a high standard by the Parish Council's gardener and landscape contractor. The play equipment is checked on a regular basis and repairs made as and when necessary.
- Berry's Garden – a number of laurel trees have been pruned recently and a new sculpture is to be looked into to replace the willow structure which had come to the end of its life.
- Memorial Garden – the garden is looked after by volunteer Bill Bailey, who also does numerous other "work" around the village on a voluntary basis.
- Jubilee Garden – Chorley Council and the Parish Council have funded improvements to this garden, including the removal of three trees which will be replaced with smaller, native trees, and bee friendly plants will be obtained. A bench and seats for children is also being obtained.
- Tansley Play Area – the new play area is complete, but painting of the old equipment still needs doing and this will be done within the coming year.
- Allotments – a further seven plots have been established, thanks to funding from the Parish Council and County Councillor Steve Holgate. The allotment society also successfully obtained some funding.
- Christmas Lighting – this was again installed by the Chairman and Bill Bailey on the Memorial Garden, Berry Garden and on Spendmore Lane near the railway bridge. Lighting has also been installed on the exterior of the Leisure Centre.
- New planters for the village – these have been ordered to replace the old barrel planters which had rotted and will be put in place along Spendmore in the near future.

- Pre-School – the Village Hall is still leased by Noah’s Ark Pre-School and the Parish Council has undertaken numerous repairs this year, including the cutting back of trees at the back.
- A1 Fitness – the building occupied by the former youth club was taken over by A1 Fitness in the New Year, who appear to be doing very well and is a welcome business in the centre of the village.
- The new look newsletter has been very well received and advertising has increased over the year. The newsletter strives to give local information to residents and also matters of interest.

I am also Chairman of the Springfield Park Leisure Centre which continues to grow and improve. Two new trampolines have been obtained and a grant was received from Borough Councillor Richard Toon to obtain new ropes for the climbing wall.

The Centre’s Café is also doing extremely well with many parties being booked for children. These are themed parties involving trampolining and free running.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Parish Council and the Leisure Centre, for providing their time, funding and commitment in helping to make this village a better place for everyone to live.

The Parish Council’s Annual Report is available from the Clerk or can be viewed on the website.