

## **Chairperson's Overview of the Parish Council Year 2016-2017**

Over the past year I have 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.

The Pedestrian Walkway leading from Springfield Road to the Leisure Centre has been completed. One new play area facility that has proved very successful is the mother and baby swing.

A grant of £350 was put to good use when woodcarver, Karl Barker, from Pickering, Yorkshire, was commissioned to produce a chainsaw sculpture of three Owls from a tree stump situated at Springfield Leisure Park.

The Allotments are exceeding all expectations with all the plots successfully rented out. There is a proposal that we create a further eight plots as there are other people on the waiting list. Grants are, at present, being applied for. There has been a toilet installed on the site and, in an effort to conserve water, a further two x 1000 litre water tanks have been installed. This makes a combined total of 6000 litres of water for use on the Allotments.

The Christmas lighting improves year on year across the four sites. The tasteful lighting of the Memorial Garden has been particularly well received and, by popular request, it has been decided to leave it permanently in situ.

The Tansley Avenue playground is to be upgraded. We have had quotations and drawings submitted and a Company has been chosen to carry out the work which will start in the near future.

The first of our new look Parish Council Newsletters has been produced. However, the more professional look is already paying off. We have had several enquiries from local businesses who are very keen to advertise with us!

The Leisure Centre has completed its fourth successful year. We have recently received grants which will enable us to purchase a disability hoist which means our superb trampoline facilities will now be available to disabled children. This valuable facility enables the Leisure Centre to offer trampolining to schools around the area who may have disabled children.

The Leisure Centre Cafe is a great asset which has improved in many ways throughout the year with more and more local people dropping in for a coffee and a snack. There has been an inspection by the food standards agency and the cafe has retained the five rating. Party bookings have increased and continue to do so.