Chairman’s Annual Report 2018 – 2019
We have had another very busy year, in particular dealing with the issues generated by all of the building works in and around the village. Sheraton Park (Keepmoat) and Augusta Drive (Bellway) are drawing to a close, whilst Persimmon (Augusta Park) homes are progressing. The new Dinnington First School has been constructed and the children have moved into the new building.

During the year Cllr Jeremy Scratcherd left the Parish Council and we would like to thank him most sincerely for all his efforts. We would also like to welcome Cllr Danielle Dowd who has recently joined the Parish Council.

Main Road Resurfacing
After many complaints to Newcastle City Council we eventually got Main Road resurfaced in September 2018 together with much needed drainage improvements to the edges of the road. Dropped kerbs have also been positioned at the South end of the village to improve accessibility from the northbound bus stop adjacent to Havannah Crescent and Sheraton Park development.

Brunswick Tip
Having been advised that Brunswick Tip was going to be closed shortly without a local replacement facility being identified the Parish Council wrote to Newcastle City Council to object to the proposed closure, emphasising that the tip is an essential facility to the area. Newcastle City Council have written back and confirmed there are no immediate plans to close Brunswick, the date for closure is set out in their budget consultation documents for March 2020. NCC will be launching their new Waste Strategy shortly, which includes reviewing Household Waste Recycling Centre provision throughout the City. When NCC are clear about their plans and timescales, we have been assured that the Parish Council will be kept informed.

Dinnington First School Development
Kier have completed the asbestos removal from the Old School and almost completed the old school building demolition. They should commence constructing the new car park where the original school was towards the end of May. They then will commence to dig up the temporary car parks, finish off the playing fields and clear the site. As part of their works Kier used the sports pavilion in the recreation field for additional accommodation, which they have now re-furbished and this will be returned to the local football team for next season. The work to improve the Recreation ground car park and school drop off point will be completed during the school summer holidays. They are due to complete all of the works by September 2019.

Keepmoat (Sheraton Park)
The construction works are progressing well. They have now sold 111 properties, exchanged 7 and have 12 plots reserved out of a total of 133 private houses. They are currently forecasting to be finished by September.

Bellway Homes (Augusta Drive)
The house construction is complete and almost all of the 71 houses are now occupied. Bellway are still in the process of carrying out minor remedial works to the roads and footpaths, before they carry out the final topcoat of tarmac and they hope to complete all of the works towards the end of May.
Persimmon Homes (Augusta Park)
The site is progressing well with phases 1 and 2 of the development. They currently have 22 plots sold, with a further 10 plots reserved and 22 plots released for sale, with about 20 more plots under various phases of construction. The final build total is 204 houses.

Neighbourhood Plan
We have continued working on our Neighbourhood Plan over the year and our Consultant is currently writing our draft plan based on the information we received in our Questionnaire to the community.

Adopt-a-Planter and Northumbria in Bloom 2018
Over the year we have again been successful in the Northumbria in Bloom competition. We are very pleased to confirm that Dinnington Village received a Silver Award in the Large Villages category and that Bracken Close again received a Gold Award in the Residential Communities category. The Allotments won a Silver award in the Allotments category, at their first attempt and 38, Horton Crescent won a Silver Gilt award in the Private Gardens category.
We once again thank our volunteers and the businesses who supported us and hope they will continue to do so in the future.
We have however decided to take a break from the competition this year to give us time to try to improve and consolidate our position and plan to re-enter in 2020.
We really need more volunteers to help with our continuing efforts to improve the flower beds and planters around the village, so if anyone can spare some time and would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Dog Fouling
We are still receiving complaints about the amount of dog fouling around the village. The great majority of dog walkers do pick up after their dogs and there is no excuse for not picking up. If you have any information on those responsible for allowing dogs to foul without picking up you can contact the dog warden on 0191 211 6102 or online: https://envirocallservice.newcastle.gov.uk/dog-fouling/form

Crime
From our monthly discussions with the police we know that Dinnington continues to have very low reported incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour. Can residents when parking please leave enough room on pavements for users of wheelchairs and buggies and to ensure you do not break the law. PC (3044) Lee Maddison is the dedicated neighbourhood police officer for Dinnington, Brunswick and Hazlerigg (Castle Ward), e-mail address: lee.maddison.3044@northumbria.pnn.police.uk Newcastle North Neighbourhood Policing Team, Etal Lane Police Station, Westerhope, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 4AW. Tel: 101 to contact your local police when it is less urgent than a 999 call.

Dinnington Parish Council Centenary
This year marks the 100 year anniversary of Dinnington Parish Council being formed. To mark the anniversary we are holding an exhibition of old documents and photographs in the Memorial Institute Hall as part of the Church Strawberry Fair event on Saturday 29 June.
We are planning to hold another exhibition nearer the actual anniversary date in October and we will advise everyone about this nearer the time.
It would help us if anyone has any old photographs or memorabilia of the village which they would allow us to copy or borrow to make the event even better. If anyone has any material could they let me know and I will contact them.

Raymond Thompson,
Chairman
“Dinnington – an ordinary village”
Local historian Miles Watson has now completed his update and expansion of this wonderful book about the history of our village. It will be on sale from June price £7.50 per copy. To reserve yours contact Miles on 01661 871325 or email him at mileswinn@talktalk.net

Dinnington Village Hall Update
We sadly said goodbye to long standing Village Hall Management Committee member Sylvia Hood who has retired after many years of service (no- one knows quite how long) to the Village Hall. In the last 8 years Sylvia has herself raised over £11k for Village Hall funds, going out in all weathers to persuade folk to part with their money for the weekly Bonus Ball. She has always been supported and helped by her husband Rob. We extend to them both our good wishes for a long and happy retirement, although for Sylvia this is only partial as she is continuing to serve on the Parish Council.

We have just finished the updating and decoration of the entrance passage and small room in the Memorial Institute. Externally the gutters and soffits have been replaced and painting done. We thank Banks Community Fund for the generous grant towards the cost of this work. Maintenance work is always ongoing, small jobs needing to be done on a regular basis to keep our buildings up to standard.

Our spaces are well used, especially since their refurbishment and in addition to our regular user groups seem to be especially popular for children’s parties. Our hire fees are reviewed every two years and have not been increased since 2012.

To find out more about the Village Hall or make a donation please contact Treasurer Mike Wood 01661 825358 or Secretary Joyce Porter 01661 821041

St Matthew’s Church

You may have noticed the above wording on the banner fixed to the church railings? It is sadly true that throughout the country the Church of England are closing churches that have failing numbers and are unable to support themselves, and the Diocese of Newcastle is not immune. We continue to receive support from the community both at services and social events for which we are grateful but we do need this support to continue and hopefully grow in order to safeguard the future of the church within the community so it is there for following generations of villagers.

We welcome the new residents of the village as they move into houses on the new developments, we hope you will be happy and enjoy living here and may find time to come to one of our services or social events we hold to raise funds to maintain a presence here in the village.

Speaking of which: A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. We will be holding the ever popular STRAWBERRY FAIR in and around the village hall on SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2019, starting at 2.30pm. All of the usual attractions, tombola, raffle, cakes and savouries as well as delicious strawberry cream teas. Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon.
City Councillors’ Surgery
Monthly – 2nd Saturday
(except August)
10.30am-11.30am
Dinnington Social Club

Bright Minds Playgroup
Mons & Tues
8.45am – 2.45pm
Village Hall

Dinnington Community Library
Wed & Sat 10.30am-12.30pm
Fri 2.00pm-4.00pm

Karate - Mon 7.00 – 9.00pm
Junior Karate – Wed 5.00 –
6.00pm
Village Hall

Leanne Dance Class
Wednesday
5.00pm – 6.00pm
Village Hall

Old Peoples’ Treat Fund
Bingo
8.30pm Thursdays
Dinnington Social Club

Beaver Scouts
Mondays
5.45pm-7.00pm
Scout HQ

Cub Scouts
Tuesdays
6.30pm-8.00pm
Scout HQ

Scouts
Mondays
7.30pm-9.00pm
Scout HQ

Rainbows
Tuesdays
5.00pm-6.00pm
Village Hall

Brownies
Tuesdays
6.00pm – 7.30pm
Village Hall

Handicrafts
Thursdays
7.00pm
Memorial Institute

Indoor Carpet Bowls
Wed 7.00pm-9.00pm
Village Hall

Dinnington Village WI
2nd Thursday of every month
7.00pm-9.00pm
Village Hall

Zumba Gold
Fridays
9.30 – 10.15am
Village Hall

St Matthew’s Church
Sundays 9.30am - Service and Holy Communion
Junior Church members meet during service
Wednesdays 10.15am - Holy Communion BCP

Bible Study Group
1st Wednesday of each month
Coffee morning
10.30am-11.30am Second Saturday of the month in Memorial Institute

Revd Mark Edwards, MBE
Tel: 01661 872320

Doctors at the Clinic, Main Road,
Dinnington

Ponteland Medical Group
Mon – Fri 8.15am-12.15pm
Tues – No Doctor. Nurse in attendance 9.00am-12.15

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