

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Another year gone and we are facing local elections. In Petrockstowe, as there are less councillors applying than there are council places we are all returned unopposed. Whilst this does save the parish the cost of an election, it is not necessarily the best result for democracy. It also leaves us with the job of co-opting individuals onto the council – applications required please! Looking at the results of other Parish Councils applicants in the area it seems most have the same problem.

After over 12 months of effort and countless letters and emails from Fiona, Sibelco have at long last erected signs at Hele Cross, Berry Farm and on the A386. Hopefully this will reduce the problem of lorries coming through the village. They are certainly large enough. Any driver who doesn't see them probably shouldn't be behind the wheel.

Cllr. Jeffs has been keeping a close eye on the Play Area for us and ensuring that all is up to standard. Many thanks Josie. Thanks also to Baz who is repairing one of the village seats for us. The council appreciate that he is always willing to undertake these jobs for no money and we are very grateful.

I would also like to thank Dee and Jane who have been sorting out the village website and making sure we are compliant with the Data Protection laws. A difficult and time consuming job. Many thanks too go to Jonathan who kindly volunteered to walk the parish footpaths and gave us his report so we can endeavour to get them correctly signed.

Many thanks to all the councillors for your work and support over the last year, and especial thanks to Fiona for her patience and effort. I certainly would be floundering without you.

Thank you all for coming to this meeting and for listening.