

Chairmans Report 9th May 2022

Angela Nicholls was appointed as the new clerk in March 2021 and during the year three new councillors joined, bringing the membership to eight.

Hollins Lane had three new housing developments imposed on them, with all the extra traffic causing endless problems. Two speed cameras were installed(thank you Don for all the work). Interesting data has been produced, but whether it will lead to prosecutions and further safety measures is still in doubt.

The post office, managed by Councillor Dodgson as post mistress ,continues to be a great asset to the village.

United Utilities gave presentations on the renewal of the water treatment plant , with a warning of the road disruption to come later this year when pipes are laid. Over 50's continue to enjoy a monthly lunch at the cricket club and the War Memorial received a welcome clean in time for Remembrance Sunday.

The parish website fortonparishcouncil.org.uk was re organised. It is now our main point of information and contact as the Village Voice is no longer the parish council newsletter. The editors refused to implement the financial changes the the council had authorised and then said they would resign. With a change of mind, they now produce a community newsletter.

An accident involving a young person on the A6 highlighted the continuing safety concerns, but as yet there is no progress with measures that would help everyone , but especially the elderly and school pupils, to cross in safety.

To end on a happier note-

Hollins Lane Methodist Church celebrates 200 years in the summer and the council will give a souvenir coin to all the primary children to mark the platinum jubilee. Thank you to all the councillors for continuing support , especially with the difficulties of the playground equipment project.

Janet Huddart. May 2022