

Last but not least thank you to my fellow councillors and of course Dorothy our Parish Clerk who has been of great support to Jude, myself and all other councillors and who was so instrumental with all the work attached to our new website which is a huge improvement and will generate income to help and support Parish Council projects.

Barbara Brook

Acting Chair

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# **BAMBURGH**



**“Supporting the Community”**

**Bamburgh Parish Council**

**Annual Report**

**2016-2017**

Another year and time for the Annual Report, the first time this has not been written by Jude the Chairman of Bamburgh Parish Council for the last 13 years. Unfortunately, Jude became ill late last year and has stepped down from the chair but will remain as a councillor. I am sure you will join me to say a very BIG thank you to her for all the hard work she has put into the Council and Bamburgh, her dedication to the cause I am unable to put into words only to say Bamburgh is a better place to live and visit because of her.

The Parish Council have dealt with 23 planning applications, some of which have been both challenging and contentious. Of the 23 we have not objected to any of these application but one application has since been withdrawn.

Council work has carried on. The Neighbourhood Plan is ongoing, a traffic calming system which hopefully will have the desired effect installed, a major renovation of the car park with more spaces being provided hopefully to ease congestion within the village, and further con-

sultations will have taken place following the Streetscape Exhibition recently held.

Further dialogue is occurring with the War Memorial Trust and English Heritage to see how we can conserve and preserve the War Memorial which has unfortunately deteriorated since the last remedial work was completed a few years ago.

The Tennis Court alongside the Green is also in need of major repairs and renovation. The Council are in discussion with both Bamburgh Castle Estates and Northumberland County Council and we are hopeful of the outcome.

The whole village was stunned last November by the sudden tragic death of Alex Watson. He was a very popular member of the community and is still sorely missed by all.

I now come to the “thanks.” I am sure you know who you are and who has contributed to helping the Parish Council but I will endeavour to name all, if I omit somebody please excuse me, I am only “Acting Chairman.”

The Christmas lights were as usual stunning. The display brings many visitors to the village in the dark winter months, so thank you to Alex Nixon and his team.

Bamburgh looks especially blooming in the spring, many thanks to Judy Cowen and her helpers for their hard work.

I can guarantee that there will not be many village greens in the UK which are tendered as meticulously as ours and this is totally down to the hard work of Ian Patterson and his merry men of Bamburgh Cricket Club.....thank you.

I now have to say how sorry we are that Councillor Margie Wilson is retiring. Thank you, for all your hard work as a Councillor and especially for the task of seeing the Neighbourhood Plan progress as far as it has and also for agreeing to see the Plan through to the end.

We are both indebted and appreciative to our retiring County Councillor, John Woodman who has tirelessly supported our parish. May we now welcome our new County Council Guy Renner-Thompson