

The Chairman's Report – 2018

This year started with a trip to Kendal, to the headquarters of Cumbria County Council. This was to speak at the planning meeting considering the proposal of traffic lights at Kingmoor Bridge. This was a County Council proposal being voted on by the County Council, so I didn't hold out much hope of stopping it! But, after speaking for 5 minutes and answering questions for another 10 explaining how they had been misinformed and that two cars could pass under the bridge at the same time (this was shown with a video provided by Councillor Trevor Allison) and that there was no local support at all, to my surprise and to the surprise of many others it was rejected. We have asked for the money that was to be used for the traffic lights to instead go towards the construction of a footpath between the roundabout and Carlisle down the side of the road, this would cost half as much, common sense you might think as the money was to be used for connecting the ring-road to Carlisle and came from the ring-road fund. We will keep asking the question, but we have had no news as yet.

The cycle-way that was proposed for the Waverley Viaduct was withdrawn and an application for a footpath put forward, there was no support for this at all in Stainton and so the Parish Council on behalf of the residents have tried to have this stopped but unfortunately it was passed.

The cycle-way from Cargo up to the ring-road is still ongoing and Council Councillor Trevor Allison is trying to raise money for it. As a Parish Council we have put forward £1,000.00 but if Councillor Allison fails to raise the remainder of the money we will get it back. We hope that he will be successful and will do what we can to help.

A planning application to convert the Four Oaks Pub at Cargo into a private house has been passed even though it had failed previously. The Cargo Community Group were successful in placing a Community Asset on the building and even though there were over 30 comments made including one from the Parish Council the application was still passed. The Cargo Community Group must be commended for their efforts in trying to keep the pub open, as far as I can see they went down every avenue possible and must have been very disappointed when the application was successful.

At Crindledyke the residents of the new estate received a letter from the Developer stating that at this time they would not be pursuing Phase 2 of the development. This means that they do not have to build a school or put traffic lights on the main road. We wrote to the Development Manager at the Civic Centre in Carlisle asking a number of questions. These include that at the moment the Council has in effect given permission for 184 dwellings to be built on a green field site and if the original planning application had just been for 184 dwellings to be built on a green-field site would it have been successful? We have had the answers to the other points we raised but not on this particular one. On a more positive note, at Crindledyke we have secured and purchased a Traffic Vehicle Activated Sign that has been put up on the bad bend at Crindledyke in order to reduce the speed of traffic, so far it seems to be working.

At Cargo with the help of Councillor James Bainbridge, we are trying to improve the mobile phone service. This is an ongoing project but with James' help I am optimistic that we will achieve it.

We have been involved with issues surrounding road safety, pot holes, dog fouling, footpaths, streetlighting, fly-tipping, car parking and just about everything else possible.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Parish Council for their continued efforts and the Clerk for her patience.



Rob Graham, Chairman