

Dear Resident,

2017 02

Your Parish Council has been busy looking at our works and expenditure programme for 2017. Accordingly we have concentrated on some of the many requests for improvements from our residents.

From time to time everyone is faced with a major expense simply to maintain the standard of something that they rely on and that is where your council finds itself at the start of this year. We recently had a complete 'audit' of our current street lighting provision across the Parish and learned that a number of our street-lights needed immediate replacement and the remainder need urgent work to reduce the number of failures. This is unsurprising as the majority of our street-lights are about 25 years old.

The council authorised emergency replacement on 28 lights out of our street lighting budget in December and have agreed that the remainder need to be replaced over the next year. The replacement lights are more cost efficient and much brighter. They will also reduce our energy costs quite significantly and as they carry a 25 year guarantee, will have fewer failures resulting in a notable reduction of our annual maintenance costs as well.

To enable this and other essential works to be carried out the Parish Council has agreed to a higher than usual rise in our annual precept which is, however, still less than the weekly cost of a single First Class postage stamp.

We are pushing on with our plans for a 'Good Neighbour' scheme and are beginning to see our community responding. Working with 'Community Impact Bucks' we want to make it more pleasant and easier for those who, for one reason or another, require help from the community to be able continue to live alone. Or it may be a single Carer of someone else who just needs a little support, from a friend, to make life that little bit easier.

A Health & Wellbeing Fair is being arranged in Denham Green for March, date to be confirmed. At this event, open to all residents, we will be providing advice and support for everyone from guidance on Trading Standard issues to Safety in the home. We need lots of volunteers who are prepared to show that they are **the person who cares** and join those who have already stepped forward to assist us. Email your details to us at clerk@denhampc.co.uk and we will tell you more about it.

There is much to do and all too often too few people available to do it. Don't pass by on the other side because one day it might be you, or someone close to you, that needs that **person who cares**. We are in this collectively and together we can make a difference and build on our community spirit.

We look forward to hearing from YOU.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Parish Meeting April 25, 2017 7.30pm

Marilyn Heath.
Chairman, Denham Parish Council

Our grateful thanks to 'In and Around Denham' for providing this platform for us.