

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, MAY 2007 to APRIL 2008

After many years of service to the village, Jim Marshall retired from the Parish Council at the end of April 2007. During his many years on the Parish Council, Jim worked tirelessly to improve the Park and its facilities, as well as the Parish Council Cemetery.

Thank you Jim for your great commitment during your years as a Councillor.

In June we welcomed Liz Fleming as our new Councillor.

Our Council is now well balanced - with 7 ladies and 7 gentlemen!

Speeding in the Village

Speeding, as always, causes great concern in many parts of the village. Following a bad accident, involving a car which came off the road and ended up in the front garden of a property in Station Road last year, householders quickly raised a petition and members of the Parish Council attended a meeting at Blaby District Council, together with both the County Council and the householders.

The outcome of this meeting was that speed activated signs will shortly be installed on Station Road. Although this is a step in the right direction, the Parish Council feels that speed cameras, both on Station Road and Desford Road will be the most effective solution to this problem. The Parish Council will continue to pursue this.

The Police have carried out a number of speed checks at various place in the village and it needs to be noted that the majority of people that were stopped were local residents.

Village Improvements

Several new benches have been purchased and placed at various locations throughout the village. One of these has been dedicated to Jack Abbott, a long serving Parish Councillor who died in August 2006.

The hanging basket scheme was extended in 2007 to include the roundabout at the bottom of Bloods Hill. This year further baskets will be placed, subject to the satisfactory inspection of the appropriate lamp standards, along Station Road.

Flower planters have also been placed by the 'Welcome to Kirby Muxloe' signs at each end of the village.

The Village sign, at the bottom of Bloods Hill, was replaced, having been completely remade and the sign on Station Road has been refurbished.

Earlier this year a lot of work was carried out to the pond in the park, as it had become very overgrown.

The football pitches and play area were 'verti-drained' to make them more usable during wet weather.

The major project this year has been the updating of the CCTV system (to include more cameras and high quality digital recording and display) in and around the parking area by the Parish Council offices, the Village Hall, the Library, the children's play area as well as the pathway by the library and Bowls Club, the Kidaroo site as well as the planned Multi Use Games and Play Area.

This project has been thoroughly researched by appropriate specialists as well as the Police.