

## **Rowton Parish Council (RPC)**

### **Chairman's Report 2017/2018**

In another year of continual social, technological and financial change, Rowton Parish Council has again conducted Parish Business efficiently and effectively. Once again this has been largely due to the diligent efforts of Christine, our clerk, and to the energetic, good humoured inputs of the council members – a hall-mark of Rowton Parish Council's conduct of parish matters. My thanks are extended to them all.

However, we have not been untouched by change. Sadly, Morfudd Salmon and Pat Fitton have resigned from office after many years of signal service to the Council and community. Our heartfelt thanks and good wishes go with them, but it is good to know that they are still around and willing to help, occasionally and where appropriate. Happily however, our numbers have been maintained, as an enthusiastic group of new members have joined us - and so we welcome Peter Thomas, Doug Jenkins and Howard Hopwood to the Council. They have "hit the ground running", which bodes well for the future! At this point I should also like to thank CWaC Councillor Stuart Parker who has frequently attended our meetings, only being kept away by unavoidable events. We are grateful for his advice and support and also aid from his budget for community ventures.

Some things do not seem to change, the issues are the same, but the magnitude is different and we have to take account of that. Thus traffic volumes and speeds within the parish have again risen, and in parallel our profile in the Village Ward Traffic Group has increased. We now have three persons trained in speed-gun use and in addition have used a Speed Indicator Device on Rowton Lane to monitor traffic speeds there. We shall also be following the re-assessment of speed limits within the parish with considerable interest.

A surprising change has been that Rowton Parish Council has been informed that the Green belongs to the Parish not CWaC, as was previously believed. This has meant reassessing activities associated with the Green e.g. maintenance. To this end a group of volunteers has been gathered to carry out maintenance activities in accordance with appropriate risk assessments.

The year has also seen a number of social events, such as a treasure hunt and the annual carol service, both of which were well attended and much enjoyed. A lot of people put a lot of effort into events like these, making the year both productive and enjoyable and I extend my heartfelt thanks to them all.

Bob Knight

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