

### *Chair's Report*

This year has marked a year of change and growth for the Parish Council. It's hard to know where to start!

**Welcome** to new staff members Sam Middleton and Chris Corbett. Sam is our Deputy Clerk and is primarily responsible for our community facilities, Chris ensures that the paperwork for meetings is all present and correct and looks after the finances. We have also said some goodbyes to friends and colleagues during the year, Alison Varney has moved on from the Parish Council after 20 years; and following 13 years' service Councillor Judith Turley has decided to step down. We wish them both all the best in their future plans.

We are very excited to have completed the purchase of the **Sambrook Centre** and start work on refurbishing the building. Work to replace the roof started on 2<sup>nd</sup> May; once this is completed works to the entrance lobby, electrical and heating and ventilation systems will start. We are expecting that the works will be completed by September (everything crossed!). We will do all we can to keep the building open throughout the works; please continue to bear with us through the dust and noise.

Our aim is to continue to develop a multi-use community centre, where you can attend a group, use computers, take out a book or meet up for a coffee.

We are proud to have been able to work in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council and the community to save essential services:

In December **Stirchley Community Library** became the first community library in Telford. Supported by Telford & Wrekin library services and our wonderful volunteers the library is now open from 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

**Brookside Central** has been kept open by a joint venture between community group Brookside Central Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the Parish Council. Funded by grants from Brookside Big Local and Telford & Wrekin Council; the centre aims to continue to develop as the heart of the community. Have a look at <http://www.brooksidecentral.org.uk/> for more information about the project and the centre.

There is still work to do; plans for the forthcoming year include building on the success of our own Funzone and other youth projects in the parish to create a comprehensive **Youth Service** in the Parish.

Work to keep **Stirchley and Brookside clean and green** continues with an ambitious project to make **Brookside Roundabout** the most attractive, most unique roundabout in the Borough. Working together Telford and Wrekin Council and our Parish Environmental Team have planted over 4,000 mixed perennials on the island. The Parish Council will remain responsible (with volunteer help!) for keeping it beautiful. We hope that it will bring a real sense of pride to our community. Children from Grange Park Primary School have joined us in collecting litter from the Madebrook Nature Reserve and our Parish Environmental Team continue their work looking after the foot paths, play equipment and bus shelters as well as providing a gardening service to our elderly residents.

My thanks to all staff, volunteers and Councillors who have all made this possible; I look forward to another exciting and productive year.

## Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council 2017

### Councillors

#### Stirchley Ward

Rob Breeze	01952 582874
Chris Turley	01952 292722
Trevor Bate	01952 200120
Adrian Watkin	01952 594408
Shana Roberts	

#### Brookside Ward

Arnold England	01952 414443
Robert Fagan	01952 289035
Lynda Hogger	01952 595207
Stuart Parr	01952 593789
Jackie Loveridge (Chair)	01952 414860
Jim Loveridge	01952 414860
Malcolm Randle	01952 503297

#### Holmer Lake Ward

Greg Sinclair	0787 6537 909
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#### Parish Council Staff

Gillian Bailey	Parish Clerk
Sam Middleton	Deputy Clerk
Stella Barnley	Clerical Officer
John Barnley	Cleaner
Sam Smith	Community Project Officer
Chris Corbett	Committee and Finance

#### Environmental Maintenance

Aaron Kitson	Supervisor
Leah Moore	Apprentice
Joshua Creed	Seasonal EMO



Josie Thomas  
Nikki Boronski  
Andrea Warrington  
Nikki Lane

## Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

31st March 2016		31st March 2017
	<b>Income Summary</b>	
217,447	Precept	241,562
46,165	Precept Support Grant	40,000
1,459	Interest Received	1,257
<b>265,071</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>242,819</b>
	<b>Operating Income</b>	
25,284	Community	33,368
18,416	Parish Centre	55,031
98,500	Brookside Big Local	39,388
<b>407,271</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>410,606</b>
	<b>Running Costs</b>	
123,071	Community	140,369
6,159	Community Grants	3,200
82,539	Administration	120,995
11,441	Civic Costs	7,518
56,111	Parish Centre	-6,064
147	Community Plan	
1,118	Newsletter	2,321
	Brookside Big Local	
6,593	Pathway	
20,336	Brookside Big Local	83,962
<b>307,515</b>		<b>352,301</b>
	<b>General Fund Analysis</b>	
139,391	Opening Balance	119,350
407,271	Plus: Income for the year	410,606
<b>546,662</b>		<b>529,956</b>
307,515	Less Expenditure for the year	352,301
<b>239,147</b>		<b>177,655</b>
-8,367	Transfers From Reserves	50,000
50,000	Transfer To Reserves	1,302
78,164	Brookside Big Local	
<b>119,350</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>226,353</b>

#### During 2016-17 the following grants were awarded

Citizens Advice Bureau	3,000
Telford Chin Woo	200

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