Terrington St John Parish Council-Chairman’s report

As I identified in my previous reports a lot is going on in Terrington St John.

Here the list that the Parish Council is engaged on-

* The Neighbourhood Plan - We have now modified our document and submitted it for review. Hopefully upon acceptance we will be able to finally move on the referendum.

It goes without saying that the effort and work involved in getting to this stage has been extraordinary, and again I can only thank again those members of the Parish Council for the work they have put into this initiative.

* The school road housing development- the development has started-mid October. As far as we can ascertain the following agreements are held
  + It was agreed to construct a pedestrian crossing by the school and improve the road layout safety by the school.
  + The area outside the school will become a 20mph ‘school patrol’ zone during the construction of the housing development AND this will remain.
  + The 30 MPH speed limit will be extended south along school road-exact distance still to be confirmed, but we are seeking to extend it as far as possible.
  + The layby in front of the school playing field is retained and improved to ultimately provide a ‘drop off and pick up point’ for children. this will greatly reduce the need for parents and guardians to park on school road and together with the crossing greatly improve road safety outside the school

Please keep an eye out for the progress of this development and don’t hesitate to contact our Clerk in the first instance if you have any questions, concerns

* Housing Development at the end of Old Church Road. The development here has also started. Part of the agreement for this development will be a footpath from the pharmacy, on the west side of the road, which will be extended the full length of Old church road, providing a pedestrian access to the new development. The developer has advised he will be attempting to keep disruption to the minimum. The access to site is from Church road where we understand the heavy vehicles will access. As most, if not all of you are aware this is a ‘National speed limit’ section of road. Please slow down and drive carefully along this stretch of road. We are continuing to seek a long term, permanent reduction in the speed limit along Church road.

* The Trod along Church Road- We remain dissatisfied with the stretch from the Church to church Lane. It fails to meet our expectation and so we are applying for Parish / partnership funding to have this stretch fully kerbed as is the second phase from Church lane south to the pinch point.
* Village playing area car park. Again we urge ALL parishioners to use the car park and NOT to park on Old Church road. Please, Please do not park on the footpath in front of the Pharmacy: Fish and Chip shop. Consider wheel chair, mobility scoter users ,mums with push chairs and indeed pedestrians who then have to go into the road to pass by your vehicles-risking injury from passing vehicles.

Plenty of short term -30 minutes-parking in the extended car park just a few yards away!

* Children’s play equipment This equipment has been very well received and we are delighted to see it used as intended .We are in the process of adding a picnic seating area ,and will shortly hold a formal opening ceremony to thank the Village Hall committee for their generosity.
* Our Speedwatch initiative continues to hold session, although Roger is in need of more helpers- so please if you have a spare hour /month –contact roger –or Gail .
* High ways actions. . You should by now have witnessed several actions to repair roads, install village gates etc. We are meeting frequently with Highways to follow up on actions, however during the winter months things do slow down Please inform us if you have any concerns regarding roads ,footpath condition-we can then elevate any and all safety issues for action
* There are numerous actions the parish council have-are undertaking to improve and upgrade the wellbeing of all parishioners, too many to mention here. – but please come along to our meetings at the Methodist hall -7.0pm the first Wednesday of each month to find out what we are doing , have your say and inform us of any concerns you have .

Colin Clifton - Chair Terrington St John Parish Council