

## THERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMANS REPORT 16/11/2021

On a continuing theme – The Play Park!.....since the last meeting I have now produced a project plan for the Play Park which has been submitted to the Council. This details the current state of the existing equipment together with suggested new pieces of equipment as requested by several Therfield families and their children. I also want to say a big thank you to Therfield School and the children representatives of each year who gave me lots of feedback/ideas on my visit last month. The Council now needs to obtain funding for this equipment which we have already applied for. Hopefully, by the new year, we will be able to confirm to the village that funding has been obtained and/or the Council will use a large portion of its reserves to fund some equipment.

A big thank you also goes out to David Whitby and all the volunteers who did an amazing job on both the church yard clear up and also the litter pick...another excellent job David and the volunteer team!

I (and other council members) have had a significant number of comments from villagers about the parking around the bottom of Pedlars Lane. There have been several reports of near misses on the junction of Pedlars Lane and the village green. The Council will now be applying to put No Parking signs in that area as if no action is taken, it is only a matter of time before there is an accident on that junction. The Council will need to apply to Herts CC for this to happen, so until this is authorised, I would ask all villagers to refrain from parking on that junction....and if they know people from outside the village who regularly park there, request that they park further away from the junction.

Finally, it is with sadness that I have to report that our Clerk – Helen has handed in her notice as I now believe she and her husband will be spending a significant amount of time in their holiday home in Spain. Helen has been a fountain of knowledge and her expertise has been immeasurable for all of the Councillors. There will hopefully be a reasonably lengthy handover – as Helen has agreed to stay until the new financial year starts in April if necessary, so we will say a more official farewell nearer the time.

As our next meeting will not be until January, I will take this opportunity to wish the whole village a very happy festive season wherever you may be for Christmas and New Year.

Andy Osbourne

Chair