



Annual General Meeting 7th May 2019

Chairman's Report

Several years hard work by a relatively small band of people culminated in 2018 when the **Neighbourhood Plan** was formally adopted by a massive 97% of residents. Though not an R.G.A. activity it has involved some of our members working with a small team from Alvechurch Parish Council and we have had the benefit of consultation and briefing throughout. I take this opportunity to express our thanks for all the hard work undertaken to bring much needed clarity to future development proposals.

Stevie and Nick Prosser kindly agreed to take over responsibility for the **Welcome Pack** and **Village Map** from Clare Kenny following her move to Evesham. The pack has had some tweaks to keep abreast of changes and Nick did a splendid job of re-drawing the map and adding more information. Every house in the village now has a laminated copy, the "blue light services" have it readily available for all their vehicles and it is easily downloaded from the village website. Michael Corfield kindly volunteered his I.T. skills to develop the type and range of information available on the R.G.A. section of the website. I commend you to take a few minutes and see the current improvements.

Speeding motor vehicles and cyclists have featured regularly in our discussions. Fortunately, following earlier representations, the County Council agreed to reduce the speed limit in The Holloway from 40 m.p.h. To 30 m.p.h. and have indicated a willingness to extend the length of the limit if monitoring proves it advisable. Data cables are currently fitted in Rowney Green Lane to record the speeds, emails have been sent to cycling clubs in the area and a letter sent to The Village magazine identifying the danger and urging caution. Let's hope things improve.

The **May Day** display of historical documents, photographs and maps goes from strength to strength presenting a new challenge in terms of secure storage of exhibits. Luckily, the Village Hall Trustees gave permission for the R.G.A. To use space in the projection loft and Nigel Evans kindly donated a secure four drawer filing cabinet for the purpose. Many thanks

to the Trustees, Nigel and Dean Croxton who assisted me in testing the limits of health and safety legislation when moving the cabinet from ground level to the loft.

Our meeting in November was attended by Katie Hearndon Fellows, a P.C.S.O. With the Safer Neighbourhood Team and County Councillor Charlie Hotham. Their involvement, guidance and advice proved extremely useful across a range of topics and we very much hope to maintain close contact into the future. In particular, Charlie has worked very hard to help us achieve the purchase and siting of a grit bin at the junction of Chapel Lane and Rowney Green Lane.

Finally, it is pleasing to report that we have maintained the higher level of **membership** reported last year – currently 136 houses in the village.

Andrew May