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## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to those people who turned out on the morning of Saturday 6 October to help in one of our regular 'litter pick' gatherings. The name 'litter pick' might suggest that this only involves picking up the odd small item. But in just one hour we collected several sacks of rubbish, as well as some very undesirable items such as lengths of barbed wire and a used car battery.

I know that one or two people have taken on the idea of 'adopt an area' where they live or walk regularly, which they try keep litter-free as a matter of routine as they pass by. If anyone else would like to follow this example, we may be able to help with the loan of a litter-picking tool and a device to hold a plastic bag open, as well as a supply of bags. Please let me know.

Since my last report, we have been in discussion with the District Council about their timetable to develop the next edition of their Local Plan. In support of this they have recently published the Housing and Economic Land Availability Appraisal (HELAA), which shows where they think land may become available for business or housing use. As you may remember from the Meeting of Electors last March, we were intending to start work on a Parish Plan. However, these recent developments have indicated that we will probably need to upgrade our efforts and develop a Neighbourhood Plan. If we are to keep pace with the development of CDC's Local Plan we will face a demanding timetable, and you can expect to hear more about this in the near future.

We realise that not everybody in the Parish is a subscriber to 'connect'. That means not everyone sees this report, though we publish it on our website and in other local newsletters. As part of our commitment to maintain the standards of a quality council, we also aim to publish four newsletters a year which we deliver to every household. This involves a significant cost for printing, and an environmental burden for the paper we use. We could reduce both if more people were prepared to give us an e-mail address so that we could deliver the newsletter electronically. If you are prepared to give us your e-mail address, we can assure you that we would not use it for anything else, and we would not reveal it to anyone. And you can 'unsubscribe' at any time. If you can help us in this way, please let us know.

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