

Chairmans report

Good evening.

Pleased to see so many of you this evening here to support your Parish Council

2015 -2016 has been a busy year for the Dean and Shelton Parish Council with several ongoing projects coming to fruition.

Speeding in the villages has long been a problem and this year we finally managed to get the speed restrictions in the villages changed especially to the 20 mph limits along Shay Lane, through Lower Dean and past the Eileen Wade School in Upper Dean. We are currently looking at training Councillors and other interested parties in the use of a speed indicator so that the current speed restrictions can be enforced.

Whilst talking about speeding mention must be made of the consultation regarding changing the current 3 tier school system in Bedford Borough to a two tier system to which the Parish council contributed. We were of the opinion that while we had no objection to the educational benefit of such a proposal, we were adamant that we would oppose any application to increase the size of the school and its buildings unless the current parking arrangements were improved to counter the current immense inconvenience caused to local residents by the parking in the High Street at school dropping off and collection times. We also wrote to the current head to voice our concern about this issue.

We have continued our work to keep the footpaths around the villages open and are currently working on rerouting one of the footpaths.

