

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

***By Cllr Martin Slinger Chairman of the Parish Council***

Again, another extremely busy year for the Parish Council, for which I would like to acknowledge the support of my fellow Council Members, the Council Staff and the many volunteers who make this such a wonderful Parish.

Play Painswick continues raising funds for more new play equipment and it is hoped to install a pre-school multi play unit by the summer.

The Council has taken on the role of administering the Christmas Lights for the Churchyard and I would like to extend my thanks to Ross Munro and the numerous volunteers that are ensuring that the lights are being upgraded, I would also like to thank those that have donated funds towards the upgrades.

The Tourist Information Centre has seen its busiest season for many a year and I would like to thank Anne Smith and her team of volunteers who continue to give freely of their time so others can enjoy Painswick and its surrounds, I would also like to thank Councillor Dawn Dart who has managed to secure a grant which will be used for professional social media training and printing costs to print the village maps which are handed to visitors.

This year will see the official opening of the Community Archives in the Town Hall, I would like to thank the Local Archives team for all of the hard work that has ensured that a most professional local Archives has been formed. I would encourage everyone to pop into the Town hall and see what local history has been amassed. It is also important to thank our County Councillor, Keith Rippington who secured funding from the County Councils "Growing our Communities Fund" to ensure the success of this project.

Other successful achievements worthy of note are the installation of a Public Toilet in the Painswick Cemetery, the Parish Councils efforts in having the parking charges in Stamages Lane car park suspended, the work undertaken by the Councils Local Plan Working Group, which has ensured a robust and professional response to the District Councils Emerging Local Plan Consultation and finally the last minute efforts to ensure that a Poppy Collection was made in Painswick.

Finally, next year 2020 is Parish Council election year and it would be nice to see continued support by the parishioners towards the "first tier" of local democracy, if you are interested in becoming a Councillor please have a chat with the Council Clerk Roy Balgobin.

