

COMMUNITY CONNECTION from Richard Hewitt

At our PC meeting of Monday 9 April, the main points raised included: Community Support: we are trying to link together the initiatives designed to help members of our community with such things as general wellbeing and security. Our Community Support Police Officer, Jim Squires, will be with us for our next meeting on 14 May, and everyone is very welcome to attend, please, when we will hear more about opportunities for this.

Planning: we looked at window replacement issues for a listed building in Fersfield.

A1066 Surface Water: many people have had a bad experience when driving on the A1066 west of the church - and there have been two accidents that I know of. You will have noticed work going on at this location, and we hope the root cause of the problem will be rectified. We will be pushing for a solution that can deal with heavy rain, and we are grateful to Robert West of NCC for his close attention to this problem. (There have, during the recent downpours, been road flooding problems in locations extending from Bressingham's Common Road to Fersfield's Bates Lane: combined with the poor state of roads and the 'pot-hole' situation, a drastic raising of the condition of our essential infrastructure (NCC's domain) is long overdue. We shall be pursuing our Council Tax 'value-for-money' in this respect!

Scheme of Delegation: as so much now seems to be referred to the PC from district and county councils, we are attempting to deal with the additional work-load by having a specific involvement area designated for each of our members: this already exists for such things as footpaths and allotments - for which we have existing responsibility.

Water Main Replacement: this work is now very nearly finished. We are grateful to Alan Boulter, of Anglia Water, for his detailed and careful care of this project: we are delighted he has been able to re-connect with us as his health improves after a nasty illness.

May I remind you of the 'Litter Pick' on 12 May: in an ideal world we should not have to do such things, but we need to show care for our environment, and I am grateful to Geoff Lazell for his commitment to this.

If you would like to help with the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice events on 11 November, please do get in touch.