

## **Chairman's Report – September**

### **Peter Ewin**

- Peter Ewin has asked for a 6 month leave of absence. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of a six-month sabbatical.

### **Speedwatch**

- We have a new volunteer. Hurray! That makes 8 – more needed.
- You will probably have seen the letter campaign being run by the Speedwatch Group. Its aim is to bring the village's wish for safer roads in the village to Martin Wilby's attention (Cabinet Member , Highways), by inundating him with letters. Matt Lines has been given the job of responding. In essence his reply says: there haven't been any pedestrian or cycle accidents reported in the village, so he cannot do anything. He suggests villagers talk to the Parish Council and Mr Edward Connolly, County Councillor!
- The Chairman sent to councillors a couple of the Speed Reports Peter Joyce prepares from data obtained from the SAM & SID devices. These reports go to our local police to back up our discussions at the SNAP Meetings. They are also useful to monitor the effect various occurrences have on the traffic coming through the village. E.g. closure of A11

We will use it for sure when the Attleborough Link Road is under construction and again once it is complete, as we fear it will bring a lot of traffic through the village. Pre-emptive discussions have been held with NCC Highways regarding this new road and they will continue.

- Peter Joyce, Hayley and the Chairman will meet with the local police to discuss the data more fully to seek further support toward our argument with NCC Highways for additional traffic calming measures.

### **Highways**

- Subject to our confirmation Highways are ready to start the installation of the Village Gateways.

### **Road Closures**

- Confusion has reigned recently in Long Street & Hingham Road. Long St was Anglian Water making a meal of mending a leak and closing / opening / closing the street willy-nilly. Hingham Road was a confusion between the Bowsfield developers installing a pavement and Anglian Water mending a couple of leaks. The former were using traffic lights; whilst AW closed the road; opened it for the weekend without taking down the Road Closed signs and then closing it again.

Nobody knew which way to turn. Deopham Road; Bow Street; Anchor Corner and Thieves Lane all suffered the consequences.

### **Police**

- PC Damion Wicks is running the London Marathon, if you would like to support his good cause.
- PC Andrew London is leaving our Beat. He has been a great supporter of GE and we wish him well.

### **Dog walking**

- The Chairman had occasion to write to the Chairman of Rocklands PC. A dog walking group was reported to have let their dogs maraud over the fields adjacent to Mill Lane. All dog walkers are reminded that agricultural land is private and a right-to-roam over farmland does not exist in England.