A Message from the Chairman, Cllr Garry Weatherall

In May 2018 I had the honour and privilege of being elected as Chairman of The Parish Council. I have lived in the area for over 30 years with my family and it remains a terrific privilege to serve the community. As well as a Parish Councillor I’m also a City Councillor.

During my year of office I wanted to bridge the generations so that young and old could come together to commemorate, the sacrifices in World War 1 and subsequent conflicts, and celebrate what they did for us. To remember the fallen we had a Tommy Statue Sculpture placed in our Remembrance Garden on Sussex Road, Chapeltown. The sculpture is part of the ‘There But Not There’ campaign marking 100 years since the end of the First World War. Remembrance is about the common soldier – that’s why it matters so much.

The Parish Council is here to make sure that decisions are rooted in our community. I am a big believer in this and a big believer in championing local projects. It has given me great pleasure this year to have worked in partnership with the Rotary Club to have installed 6 defibrillators, across the Parish area.

I started my volunteering in my early 20s and this is one of the main reasons that I became interested in becoming a Councillor (Voluntary Role) at Ecclesfield Parish Council.

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Finance & Premises Committee: Chair - Cllr Garry Weatherall

The Finance and Premises Committee has continued its work, processing grant applications to local organisations. Examples of groups that have been awarded grants this year include the Burncross Action Team, Chapelgreen Advice Centre, Chapeltown in Bloom, Don District Explorers, EPPiC Theatre, Friends of Ecclesfield Park and Thorncliffe Conservation Group. The Council has awarded grants to local primary schools for Christmas activities and Community Groups towards the provision of Christmas trees and lights across the Parish.

The Committee has also continued its work in overseeing and monitoring the Council’s finances to ensure that all income and expenditure is properly accounted for.

This year the Committee has recommended a modest increase of 3% for Band D properties and this has been approved by Full Council.

Environmental Planning Committee: Chair - Cllr Alison Gethin

The Parish Council’s Environmental Planning Committee meets to examine planning applications both commercial and domestic to consider their impact on the local environment and residents across the Parish area. Most are received via Sheffield City Council which is the planning authority for the Parish Council Area. Occasionally applications are reviewed that have been submitted to adjacent Councils e.g Barnsley where there could be an impact on the Parish area itself. The committee can make comments and raise concerns to the Planning Authorities but is not able to decide on planning applications. Meetings of the committee are held twice a month. They are open to the public and members of the public can come to make comments about current applications and ask for the Parish Council to take these into consideration when making their comments to the Planning Authority. The committee also monitors licensing applications received in the Parish.

Planning applications can be viewed online on our website at www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk and going to planning applications or at www.sheffield.gov.uk by following the links to Planning Applications on line. Plans may also be inspected at the Parish Council offices by appointment between 9 am and 12 noon Monday to Friday.
YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS WORK WITH MANY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS INCLUDING

Ann Reresby Trust
Local Schools
Thorncliffe Conservation Group
Friends of Chapeltown Park
Grenoside Community Association
North Sheffield Area TARA
Friends of Charlton Brook
Chapeltown Community Assoc.
Grenoside Scouts & Guides
SOAR

Chapeltown Library
Ecclesfield Library
Chapeltown Forum
Revitalising Ecclesfield Park and Pavilion Group
Friends of Grenoside Park
Grenoside Reading Room
High Green Healthy Living Group
NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group)
High Green in Bloom
North Sheffield Neighbourhood Watch

Local voluntary community groups are invited to apply to the Parish Council for grants in aid of their projects. Both the Parish Council and the Council’s insurers insist on specific conditions being complied with before a grant can be awarded.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council, if you require any further information or an update on the legal and financial requirements in order that a grant may be considered by the Council.

Civil Parish Past & Present Archiving Project

Our Past and Present Archiving Project has been running since 2014. It was initially funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The Parish Council employs a part-time project co-ordinator who works with community groups and local schools across the parish to help gather information about the area’s local history. The co-ordinator works with a group of volunteers who support the project at regular sessions in the Parish Council offices. New volunteers are always welcome.

We have a website [http://www.ecclesfield-district-archives.com/](http://www.ecclesfield-district-archives.com/) with over 3,000 images covering various aspects of Parish life. In 2018, twelve of the images were used in a 2019 calendar and this year in addition to the calendar we are planning a new series of postcards on a ‘then and now’ theme.

During the past year, we have organised open afternoons at the Parish Council Offices with displays of local history material from our own archive and that of other local history groups. Topics have included, health, sports & recreation and the centenary of WW1. There have also been displays at local galas and events; talks to local groups and at Ecclesfield School’s ‘Super Jam’ tea parties. There will be a similar programme of events and activities this year. For more details please see our website or visit us at our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Ecclesfield-Civil-Parish-Past-Present-Archiving-](http://www.facebook.com/Ecclesfield-Civil-Parish-Past-Present-Archiving-).
YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCILLORS
(as at February 2019)

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Mrs A Gethin 0114 2467414

GRENOSIDE
Mr A Hooper 0114 2463692
Mr D E Pepper 0114 2467859

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Mr G Oxley 01226 360201
Mr J Housley 0114 2464481
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Mr G Weatherall 0747 1025111

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Mr G Lakin 07502 114723

THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING AND A PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE USUALLY HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OCCASIONALLY (PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE FULL LIST OF DATES).

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND A PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE USUALLY HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH BUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OCCASIONALLY (PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LIST OF DATES OF THE MEETINGS).

ALL FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH TIME TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS AT THE START OF PROCEEDINGS.

Parish Councillors (l-r front), Garry Weatherall, Denise Fearnley and Zoe Sykes with City Councillors and the Deputy Lord Mayor at the opening of Grenoside Skate & Scooter Park.

WW1 ‘Tommy’ Silhouette Statue in the Parish Memorial Garden, Sussex Road.

Parish Councillors (l-r), Graham Oxley, John Housley and Garry Weatherall, at Chapeltown Gala.

COMMUNITY ROOM FOR HIRE
The room is available for the use of community groups and businesses at very competitive rates. The Community Room is situated to the rear of the Council offices. Please contact the office for details of the charges. Tel. 0114 284 5095.
**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**TO BE HELD AT 7.15 P.M.**

**ON 4TH APRIL**

**at the Council Offices,**

**Mortomley Lane, High Green**

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**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Local events appear on the home page of our website [www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ecclesfield-pc.gov.uk) which is updated regularly. If you have a community non-profit event that you would like advertised please contact us for inclusion on the website. We can also display small posters on our noticeboards.