

## **Mollington Parish Council.**

There have been a lot of changes this year. The four-yearly elections were held in May 2019 and we had 8 nominations for councillors with only 7 places available. As a consequence, we had an election for the first time in many years with the result that we lost Phil Crane from the Parish Council but welcomed Sally Atkin and John Fielding to the council

We thank Phil for his services over the past years.

## **Community Plan**

The last Parish Plan for Mollington was completed in November 2008 and was circulated to every household in the village. Resulting from a questionnaire completed by residents, the plan outlined a number of actions that would benefit our community. Reviewing the plan this year we find that while some of the key Issues have been addressed some have not. We have a speed limitation of 20 mph near the school but no general speed reduction through the village. This has not been possible because of the involvement of other agencies. We will post a summary of the plan and the actions we have taken so far on the Parish Council website. In July of this year we invited John Heselwood from Cheshire Community Action to talk to us about the process of producing a new Community Plan for Mollington and we have set up a working party to take this forward. Residents will be kept informed of progress via the website.

## **Mollington School**

We are forming closer links with St Oswald's School and we are now dividing the Parish Council meetings between the Village Hall and the school

## **Village Hall**

As you will know, we carried out a survey this year to determine if you were happy for us to increase the precept specifically to allow us to apply to the Public Works Loan Board to borrow our share of £50,000 in support of the new hall. The response was extremely encouraging with over 90% saying they were happy for this to happen. Our application was accepted and the three Parish Councils of Backford, Lea-by-Backford and Mollington have between them put in place a £50,000 loan to support the new hall.

## **Bus Stop Library**

Our Bus Stop Library continues to be popular and received a new roof this year. We thank all of our residents who use and maintain this facility on behalf of our community.

## **Five Villages Interpretive Panel**

An Interpretive Panel has been designed to show places of interest and activities in the five villages of Backford, Caughall, Chorlton, Lea-by-Backford and Mollington. Two panels are being produced and I am extremely pleased to report that they will be delivered early in December. Mollington's panel will be sited alongside the railings at St Oswald's School layby and we will endeavour to erect it before Christmas. In addition to the map and the pictures, the panel will have a QR code linked to a website giving further details regarding our heritage and the current activities in our community.

## **General maintenance and housekeeping**

We have found the CWaC website ([www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)) excellent for reporting fly tipping, general cleaning, drain clearing etc. We would encourage all residents to use this facility to help us maintain our environment.

## **Mollington Grange Golf Club**

By the time this is published we will have had an open meeting with the new owners of the golf club. Groups representing residents, walkers, cyclists, runners and parks have expressed an interest in attending and we will keep you informed through the website as we move forward.

Best wishes to all for the coming festive season.