

# NEWSLETTER OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL - JANUARY 2019



## **News from Gresford Community Council**

*Gresford Community Council works for the communities of Gresford and Marford to ensure they remain attractive, inclusive and safe places to live. Please find below an update on some of our most recent priorities.*

### **Summary of 2018**

2018 was a busy year for the Community Council and its Committees.

#### Gresford Cemetery

Work was undertaken at the Cemetery to preserve the Cemetery building, to clear a dedicated space for spoil to create new cremated remains spaces, and maintenance of trees and hedges. We also commissioned an Eco-survey, to take place in 2019, and embarked on work to look at the future expansion of the cemetery.

#### General Amenities

The Committee commissioned a defibrillator and Information point at the kiosk in Pant Lane and an Inclusive Play roundabout was installed at Allington Park together with an additional piece of play equipment at Marford Play Area. Thirteen additional bins have been purchased and sited at various 'hotspots' around the area. A Tender process is currently underway for a new grass cutting contract, covering the Cemetery and Allington Park. The Committee is currently looking at the possibility of a War Memorial and will consult with residents on its ideas.

#### Finance

The Finance Committee awarded several grants to Community organisations working in the area. Mindful of the financial challenges facing residents in the current climate, in setting the Community Council precept for 2019-20 (the amount the Council asks to be raised each year through Council Tax to fund the budget for Community Council work) the rise in the precept this year is just 1.1%, with a contribution coming from Reserve Funds.

#### Lighting

An additional Committee worked throughout this year, looking specifically at Lighting. To reduce future expenditure, and carbon emissions, the Council will replace all the Footway Lighting under its control to LED. A Tender process is currently underway and it is hoped the work will take place in the Spring.

#### Councillor Mary Lightwood

It was with great sadness that the Community Council learned of the death of Councillor Mary Lightwood, a serving member of the Council, who had served on the Community Council for over 20 years, representing the Gresford East Ward. The Community Council thank her for her dedication: she will be very much missed, and our sincere sympathies go to her family.



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