

## PARISH COUNCIL TRIBUTE TO ROGER SUTTON, CHAIRMAN 2016-17

With great sadness the Chairman Roger Sutton passed away on 14 Nov 2017. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of the Sutton family serving on the Parish Council and part of the 4<sup>th</sup> generation living in the village. He served for just over 7 years, although the family have served for 70 years.

At the start he has helped fight off the horticultural planning application, Applejacks extensions and a wind turbine, and seen road drain improvements after the floods, 50mph on the A559, the Queens Jubilee Celebration, a new defibrillator.

As Chairman since May 2016, he has overseen a response to the 15 Dwellings planning application, the license for extended visitor capacity at Arley and legal issues for Manley Close, and helped with the Queen's Birthday Celebrations.

Long standing projects were completed – the Playground extension, 30mph signs at Frandley, and the repainting of the 14 black and white signposts. The latter was started by Roger and it seems fitting for it to complete this month as he had put in a lot of effort to see the village 'pointing in the right direction'.

He served as a councillor with his usual generosity and pleasantness. He was one of life's true gentlemen. Those who attended the Chairman's Ball last year will recall a very sociable evening, and his pleasure in raising a record £3,250 for charity.