

Councillor Barry Abraham – Wootton Bridge Ward

Annual Report 2012

The year has again been a busy one, both as a cabinet member and in my Wootton Bridge ward.

On local issues I work closely with the Parish Council where ever possible and involve them in the decision making process. One issue being the Old School/Youth Club building, which it is hoped will become a community building and negotiations are about to start between the IWC and Parish how this will happen. The Parish Council secured some matched funding money from the IWC which is to be used for economic improvement and this will be spent in the building helping young people improving their job prospects and create a possible small start up unit for a local business.

In the High Street it is good to see the old Lloyds Bank building now being brought back into use. I used to have regular complaints about its state. In Brannon Way/Mary Rose Avenue I hope the health centre starts this year. I recently attended a meeting with the community centre management committee and IWC property services to clear up any outstanding issues, and this has been done with the full support of the community centre.

Again in Brannon Way, there was a good Christmas Event with the roving Nativity, which I was pleased to take part in, lightening up the angels. I enjoyed the carols and mulled wine afterwards and hopefully will again this year.

As a school governor I have been amazed how well the extra 2 years of pupils have fitted into the school and building work will shortly begin on building the permanent classrooms to replace the mobile buildings. The one concern I am dealing with outside the school is parking at dropping off/picking up times which is causing problems to school neighbours.

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