## **Staplehurst Parish Council**

## Parish Cllr. Barrett Manning

## Written Statement

I haven't forsaken my efforts to locate a piece of land for a community allotment and believe a positive result is on the horizon for a speed limit on the A229 in the Knoxbridge area. At long last the village has a defibrillator located for anyone to operate in an emergency, 24/7. The council have taken responsibility for the maintenance of both the defibrillator and the all-weather cabinet. The Carnival and Fete Committee have had a positive response for new members following the retirement and reshuffle of existing members and augurs well for fresh ideas for the 2016 carnival. Despite the continued meetings with Arriva, there are still problems affecting students travelling on the number 5 bus route. My concern is to avoid students arriving late and missing all or part of their classes and experiencing another winter left waiting in the dark and foul weather on the homebound journey.