

## **Councilor Reports for RPC Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### **By Cllr, Mike Brightman**

#### **Rushton Allotments.**

At the beginning of the year NNC cleared the very overgrown and unused allotments plots, but rubbish was not taken away. Following a comment from a local resident was clear that more rubbish had been added that was clearly not from the allotments. I reported this as fly tipping direct to the NNC explaining they hadn't cleared all the rubbish away and now people were dumping more rubbish. Within a couple of days, the rubbish was being cleared and the area is now cleared.

There is a section of damaged fence that needs attention, and it would be sensible for the gate to be repaired to secure the area.

#### **Pipewell Radar Speed Sign**

The replacement RSS has now been purchased and before it is reinstalled and to reduce the chance of this unit being stolen again a fabricated cover plate which will be secured with security bolts protecting the vulnerable standard supplied fixings will be fitted. The costs of these items including the installation works has been included within the new Radar Speed Sign NCF grant funded project.

#### **Pipewell Public Footpath Stiles**

Cllr. Kevin O'Brien has received a request from a Pipewell Resident to report a damaged footpath stile. The foot Path starts from the road through the village and heads east across the field to a stile into the next field ( possible not the same landowners). This is the stile that is completely broken as reported by the resident. In the next field the landowner has fenced across the boundary blocking the footpath.

It is that landowner's responsibility to maintain the right of way and keep the stiles/gates in good condition.

The stile and supporting fence from the road were also in a very poor condition and unsafe to use. This was reported on Fix My Street and NCC have contacted the landowner, and it has now been repaired.

The stile between the two fields cannot be reported on Fix My Steet as it is on private land therefore needs to be reported directly to NNC Rights of Way for further action.