

## NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2013.

### District Councillor's Observations.

I am the vice-chairman of the Blackhill and Venn Ottery Quarries Liaison Group. We look after residents' concerns whilst quarrying is in progress and, in particular, ensure that Devon County Council planning conditions are being adhered to.

Congratulations to the Parish Plan Working Group, whose work was formally adopted by the Parish Council in October, 2012, and ratified by the District Council in December, 2012.

I am a member of the Newton Poppleford Village Hall Committee and am pleased with the upgrading programme that has recently been taking place.

One of my jobs at EDDC is that of Member Champion for Rural Communities (including Post Offices). I have the privilege of attending meetings at the headquarters of the Local Government Association and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. At the Local Government Association I promote support for the fairer funding campaign for rural areas and, at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, I lobby ministers and senior managers of the Post Office to protect and enhance the future viability of the Network of Post Offices.

Planning policy issues in the district and this ward have been of great public interest this last council year. I am a member of the Development Management Committee at EDDC and do not wish to prejudice my ability to debate in that forum. What I will say is that I do hope the Parish Council will look carefully at the positive outcomes of an application, as well as the negative, for the benefit of the community as a whole.

*Ken Potter* - District Councillor