

## Update from the Chair of Gildersome Parish Council

The season of 'festive cheer' is nearly upon us and, hopefully, my update will add to that. We have good news about the proposed Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), to be sited on the Street Lane playing fields. Following very lengthy negotiations with Leeds City Council the planning application has now been granted, and the next process of fund raising can now begin. To this end the Parish Council is putting forward a grant of £10,000. We do so in the believe that the provision of this facility is crucial for the well being of the young people in our village, especially following the closure of the Street Lane Youth Centre by Leeds City Council. The total cost of the project is £120,000 so we are also seeking sponsoreship from all sources, including local businesses.

We are also hopeful that another lengthy negotiation is moving forward..... the refurbishment of Gildersome Meeting Hall. Leeds City Council are finally due to make a decison on the Parish Council's plan to refurbish and take over management of the Meeting Hall. The decision is due in January, when the Chief Executive Committee meet. We hope, therefore, that good progress can be made with both projects in 2020.

Wishing everyone in Gildersome a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

Steve Jones