

Chairman Annual Report

As I write into the early hours my first chairman report to which is a novelty for me to put anything down on paper is a first as I normal make it up as I go along but this has come a bit earlier than I had anticipated since becoming a parish councilor.

As It's just under twelve months ago since our previous chairman Karen Hammond stood down from the role as chair and as her position as a parish councilor to which we thank her for all she did.

So, after being elected as chair and clls Justin Culver as vice the last ten months have had a constant theme of items running throughout that time including.

The Lower Pump house water supply with its above threshold levels for nitrate were getting the people at CWAC excited about litigation but after putting in place regular testing and the fact there was more average rain fall through 2024 has seen Nitrate levels drop below the threshold and remain. Allowing the many visitors with their drum and containers to enjoy the natural running water.

Unfortunately, the roof repair to the south side of the lower pump house is proving more trickier to complete with contractors, becoming unattainable for getting the job done.

This year has seen the renewal of our tree survey which has flagged up one or two issues down the Avenue of Lime tree which is enjoyed by many dog walkers and will be looked at for this autumn/winter period to rectify.

We have also seen the completion of the sale of land with the coppice of Holme Oak trees behind the upper pump house to 50 Church Street which has generated a sum for the PC but also has

removed the risk and responsibility of maintaining the trees from the Parish Council.

This adversely brings me on to planning within the parish to which apart from application for tree reductions and one property on the outskirts of the parish needing umpteen for redevelopment has reminded us of the importance of keeping the conservation area of the village and style of design to which has been enjoyed by many over the years while also allowing that alterations of styles will happen over time as long as they are applied for in the correct process.

Moving on to the biggest things this village has to deal with and that is POTHOLEs even though the response time of council contractors to repair them from the time a resident report's it has improved there is only so long you can carry on patching up holes before serious consideration is needed for total resurfacing. Which is evidently clear as you enter the village from the A559 up the hill looking more bumper now than way back in the time of horse and carts.

Finally, we welcomed Tyler on to Parish Council back in September as a young keen member of the village which is becoming a rarity nowadays who is settling into his role well.

Unfortunately, our long standing councilor Malcolm Torrance decided to stand down due to personal health issues which we thank him very much for his time and knowledge serving on the council.

I'd like to thank all my fellow councilors for all your work and input over the last twelve months has been much appreciated but I'd like to say a big thank you for the work our clerk Caroline has done over this last year in getting all the backlog of policies updated keeping a firm control of finances and budgeting plus dealing with email issues.

