

Chairman's Annual Report Presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 10th May

On behalf of everyone I would like to extend a big thank to all parish councilors for their hard work over the last 12 months. It is very much appreciated by all. In particular I would like to thank:

- Adrian Swift who stood down as councillor after several years on the Parish Council and Adrian Lee who stood down as vice-chairman.
- Sally Allen, the temporary clerk who took over from Joanne when she took some time out.

The Council goes from strength to strength each year and works hard to support the village. 2022/23 has been another particularly successful year.

The Council's main project during the year was the successful purchase of a defibrillator which has now been installed outside Best One.

I would like to thank our County Councilor Bobby Bennett and District Councillors Marion Rushbrook, Karen Richardson, and Nick Clarke for their continued support. Bobby Bennett gave us locality funding towards the cost of refurbishing the village sign and the defibrillator. Marion, Karen and Nick gave locality funding for the village sign and to purchase a new noticeboard for the Highpoint Estate.

The Council continued to support St Margaret's Church with a donation towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard.

There has been growing involvement from the community led by Philip and Dinah Rous and Jane and Robert Helliwell. The church revitalisation project is well underway and there have been several highly successfully village get together and fund raisers.

During the year we have continued to respond to concerns of villagers and have endeavored to get potholes repaired, spokes removed from verges and speed restrictions put in place.

The Parish Council is elected to represent the members of the community, so it is important that residents make their concerns felt to their elected representatives.

There are 6 Parish Council meetings each year, not counting planning meetings, and anyone is welcome to attend and have their say at the beginning of each meeting. Advertisements are always placed in the village notice boards giving at least 3 days' notice in advance of each meeting or you can look on the village website and click on the Parish Council link.

Finally, I would like to thank my co-councilors and our Parish Clerk for helping to make the Parish Council a real benefit to the Stradishall community.