



Sheviocock Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2022

Following the lockdowns of the previous year we are now returning to normality and holding council meetings at the hall again.

Your parish councillors all stood for re-election at the elections of May 6th. I am pleased to say we were elected by default, there being no additional candidates and so we benefit from continuity of service and the combined experience of the candidates.

We welcomed a new councillor in Paul Stone representing Portwrinkle. It is the first time for some while that we have our full quota of councillors.

Our bids for road improvements are in the pipeline. We look forward to improved safety signage at Portwrinkle and speed humps through the village being converted to cushions to alleviate the damage being suffered by buildings adjacent to them.

We have had a busy year, with much to show as evidence of the efforts of the council.

Our long-suffering bus shelter at the Cross, which had been repaired many times to keep it standing, finally gave up during the winter's storms and so we now have a nice shiny new one.

As I write this report, we have a replacement car park machine being installed. Many will be aware that the previous machine has been out of action for a while but here we are, just in time for the season's visitors.

Last summer was very busy with visitors, sometimes causing congestion as the parking spaces were used up. We also had problems with overnight campers which we've taken steps which we hope will be resolved for the coming season

The open space, to be known as the Platinum Jubilee Open Space, has benefitted from six miniature fruit trees, a chess table featured bench, some really exciting outdoor gym equipment, raised beds for the use of parishioners to grow flowers and veg. and, in progress at the moment, a gazebo to provide shelter from the sun/wind (delete as necessary)

The Finnygook Lane footpath was finally officially opened, along with a get together at the memorial hall.

We have managed to keep our precept increase to a reasonable level of 2.5 per cent., which considering rising costs of staff, legislation, defibrillator upkeep et al, is a laudable achievement.

On the subject of defibrillator costs, we would welcome a fund-raising committee to aid the considerable on-going costs.

So I'd like to conclude by thanking all our councillors, who have contributed immensely to the running of the council; our team of staff who have worked on to keep the parish moving; to the volunteers who continue to make themselves available to render assistance to anyone in need. And finally, as always, thanks to Nancy our clerk, who has done so much to keep us going.

I commend this report to you.

Steve Medway
Chairman
Sheviocock Parish Council

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