

## Report from the Parish Council Chairman

Welcome.

List those invited and thank those who came.

Report.

### 1. Apologies for the delay of this meeting.

We had intended to hold the meeting in May. However, as we are still playing COVID catch up the delay was required. There will be a five to ten-minute break at the end of this meeting before the Tacolneston Parish Council Meeting starts.

### 2. News from the council.

I am very pleased to report that we are on a much more stable and firm footing than we were at our last Annual Parish meeting two years ago. And I would like to thank the outgoing Chair, and current Vice Chair, Bob McClenning, for his fortitude and skilled leadership over the last two years.

Organisationally we are strong, councillors Taylor and Darrell, volunteered as joint clerk since February and have worked very hard to put everything in order. Last month we were joined by our new Clerk, Dan Whickham, who has already fitted in to the team extremely well and is making a real difference to.

We are now financially stable and have just received a glowing audit report, thanks to the hard work of Councillors Darrell and Taylor and Dan, who prepared the materials for the audit.

### 3. News from the RCC.

We have worked hard with the RCC and TAFRA to keep the village hall open and running smoothly. Repairs and upkeep have been ongoing, and we are now starting to see more use of the hall. The defib unit is now working and maintained regularly. There is a working party this Sunday to improve the small play area attached to the hall.

The recreation field has been provided with new swings and play equipment updated. The dugouts have been provided for the football club but also for the use of those who might need a little time out and shelter from the rain! New tables and benches are arriving shortly. We are currently considering how best to update and improve the facilities; your input is welcome.

### 4. Issues raised at the last APM.

Road safety, the school was provided with Hi-Vis jackets and we are now expecting delivery of a new SAM2 to more regularly monitor speed of traffic passing through the village.

Footpaths have been assigned to volunteers who now walk these regularly and report issues as they arise.

### 5. Finally,

I am in the fortunate position of leading a council of exceptional talent and ability. They have demonstrated remarkable teamwork throughout the very difficult times, and I feel that we are now in a strong place to deliver for the village.

Councillors now introduce themselves.

We are now keen to hear your views and ask for your help in setting our priorities and agenda for the next year.