

## CHAIRMAN REPORT. 2024

The past year has proved challenging after losing a clerk very rapidly and having a period until a new clerk's appointment. Our clerk Nichola joined us in November, and she has taken to this role and proved a wonderful asset to the Council.

I thank all councillors for their support during the two months we were without a clerk especially my Vice Chairman and Cllr Munsey who acted clerk. We welcomed two new councillors this year after thanking Jenny Haycock for her input. Namely Gary Lowther and Russ Woolley. The council look at every planning application objectively and pass on our comments to West Northants Council. Residents are all at liberty to send their objections to the planning authority.

This year we had the equipment in the Swing Field power washed and monitor the equipment monthly. We appreciate and regularly report the issue of the water coming from the drain and have confirmation this will be attended to before July. We hope everyone appreciates the wildflower bed created last year.

Every three years the Council has a tree survey carried out and this year some remedial work will be carried out in the pocket park. Again, regarding pocket park thank you to Cllr Green for stinging paths for access in the park. We appreciate the park has been flooded a lot this year but we have wonderful displays of spring flowers. The pocket park is worth a visit and is used by local scouts and brownies.

Our village grass is kept looking good with thanks to Michael Dempsey and councillors maintain flower boxes and jubilee tree flower bed.

We have erected one new seat this year at the entrance to the village and are grateful to all who took part in Annual Litter Pick. Roads, footpaths, and drains are regularly reported and as well as reporting to Parish Clerk Residents themselves can report on fix my street.

The Council have a new website which is kept up to date by the Clerk and every Councillor is there to serve the whole parish and each one will bring your concerns to the meeting where we will hopefully be able to assist.

Dorothy Dunkley