

# Upton Magna Parish Council

## Chairman's Report May 2024

This is a short update of what UMPC have been doing this year, on behalf of our community.

Our Community fund donation to the Village hall has now been spent on the new railings and following painting is now complete.

A small donation has also been approved towards the Family day on 14th July 2024 at the Village hall.

We have been asking Shropshire council to resurface the road on Haughmond hill for some time and with Councillor Picton's support it has been done and there are ongoing negotiations to get yellow lines painted as there is still some inconsiderate parking.

If there any issues in the Parish to do with Highways please use the "fix my street Shropshire" web page to report them.

A small job that has made a big difference is the installation of a drop kerb outside the school to allow wheel chair access this one was done with an email request from a Parish Councillor to Shropshire council who thought there was one !

This year a "community litter pick" was organised and it was well attended, our thanks go to the organiser and participants, a job well done and it has "made a difference".

During our summer break our Clerk resigned and Karen Smith Wells took on the role until we appointed Mrs Jeniffer Turner and we welcome her to the Council.

We have not raised the precept for many years, but unfortunately due to circumstances out of our control we have had to raise the Parish council precept, it's a decision we do not take lightly!

This next year is going to be very challenging as we are going to have to make some difficult financial choices two of which are the ongoing Street light maintenance and the Defib both of which are community assets, but come at a cost, we shall do all we can to find a way to retain these for all.

Can I end by thanking my fellow councillors and also for all the help and support we get from Lezly Picton.

Last but not least thanks to our new Clerk Jennifer.

Phil Roberts

Chair