

Chairman's report 2022-23

The start of the year we welcomed two new councillors Julie Anne Lloyd and Dan Simms who have settled in very well.

A big positive for this year in the present climate is we have managed, by drawing on our reserves to propose a zero % precept increase.

The foot paths officer Michael Dawson working with the Sundorne Castle estate have now resolved the issues at Hunkington farm partly due to the granting of a permissive path by the land owners and following this there have been no further issues.

As part of our ongoing support of the community we donated four benches to commemorate the Jubilee along with a further grants towards the celebration on the day.

A grant was given towards the Church lychgate light, this being part of a bigger plan to encourage parents to park at the Village hall and avoid the narrow road by Porch house on darker mornings, thus reducing the parking outside the school.

The Village of Upton Magna now has a Village green! (in front of the Church Lychgate) it's always been there we just didn't know it! The Church yard maintenance team have agreed to look after it and is now been placed on the asset register.

The Haughton cross roads is still being monitored and this year has seen the largest visibility splay length in recent history! Again thanks go the local farmer for cutting the hedge right back.

Going forward the parking outside the school is still causing concern for all. Both the school and Parish council have asked for people to park considerately, be it for only a short time, but poor parking still goes on.

The final "substantial" grant towards the Village hall fence will be spent once the quotes have been received by the Hall committee, this will leave £221 + £136 in the neighbourhood and jubilee accounts.

Can I on behalf of the Parish Council thank John Roberts for all his hard work in keeping the grass cut for many years and wish him well in his retirement.

May I take this opportunity to once again thank Councillor Picton for her ongoing support both to me personally and our Parish.

This Parish council would not function without the help and support I receive from my fellow councillors and Alison, so once again thank you all for your support.

Cllr Phil Roberts.