TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31.03.2026

Parish Council activity over the last year continues to mainly cover planning and highways issues. The Keightley Way planning application finally received approval on appeal and is due to commence construction this coming July. An informal group of councillors and residents has been formed to liaise with the developer to hopefully smooth out any issues affecting the community. The application to develop the old buildings at Manor Farm has also finally been approved. An application for two properties on Clopton Road has been refused and is now subject to an appeal, and a submission to convert redundant farm buildings at Sunny Farm under class Q regulations has also been turned down. In all cases the Council has been consulted and appropriate comments submitted.

Of greater concern, has been the quarry proposals in Westerfield, which could have an impact on the village of Tuddenham, and the Parish Council have supported the campaign against the proposal. It is likely to be considered by the County Council a month or two after the election.

Highways traffic management considerations are ongoing and a joint meeting with Westerfield is pending. Speed monitoring in the village is limited by the availability of volunteers and more would be welcome. The records from the SID devices are scrutinised and reported to council from time to time. We are particularly grateful to Jim Bird and Pauline Procter for their involvement in this.

Our support for the village hall and maintenance of the churchyard is ongoing, and it is good to see the village hall being well used and the churchyard kept in good order.

Some of the old playground equipment needs refurbishment or replacing and Thanks to Jim Bird and David Lugo, this along with the general maintenance, is well in hand.

Part way through the year our parish clerk resigned, however we are fortunate to have recruited Sophia Charalambous as a very competent replacement with the added advantage that she also clerks for Westerfield Parish Council.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks for the support I have received from Sophia and my fellow Councillors over the past year.

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