

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31.03.2025

The year started off with the retirement of our Parish Clerk for the last fourteen years, Carol Frost. Carol's contribution to the village over these years has been phenomenal and I am sure you all would wish to join with me in thanking her and wishing her all the best for the future. Following on from this, we have our new clerk Tilly Rampley, who is getting to grips with the complexities demanded of the administration of our Parish Council. A formidable challenge to follow in Carol's footsteps.

As in previous years, planning and highways issues have been the main items dealt with by the Council. The Keightley Way and Manor Farm developments are awaiting decisions, and we have submitted objections to the proposed developments at Red House Farm and Humberdoucy Lane. Unexpectedly we became aware of proposals for a quarry in Westerfield which could affect Tuddenham and as a result we have provided financial support to the organisation set up to oppose the proposal.

Our contact with the Highways department over the last few years, has finally resulted in some new signage on the main road coming in and going out of the village. Pauline Proctor and Jim Bird continue their good work with the management of the SID devices, speed monitoring and SAVID. Additional volunteers to cover the speed monitoring are always welcome.

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.

The playground this year has benefitted from the cutting back of the vegetation around the edge of the field, with some more work still to be done. This has been achieved thanks to David Lugo and Jim Bird who put in many hours over the course of the year to ensure that the facility remains in good condition and fit for purpose. Some of the play equipment is nearing the end of its life and will need replacing at some point.

Sadly Jean Elinor gave up her seat on the council after many years contributing in so many ways and I thank her on your behalf for this. We have welcomed Hayden Beckett as a new Councillor and I hope he will enjoy contributing to the workings of the Parish Council. We do still have one vacancy for a councillor to make up our full complement. Kate Lindsay has kindly taken on some of the tasks previously covered by Jean Elinor.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Colin Hedgley our District Councillor, and Elaine Bryce our County Councillor for their support over the past year, my fellow Councillors for their contributions and support over the past year and Tilly for taking on the challenging task of Clerk.

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