

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
CHAIR'S REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2023-2024**

**Activities;**

The Parish Council met 4 times in 2023/24

**The main activities and issues are as follows;**

- i) Street Cleaning Partnership; agreement was made with BDC to receive additional funds for litter picking, maintenance of the playing field, pond and other amenities in the village.
- ii) Planning Applications; were reviewed by the Planning Advisory Committee. The Council held an extraordinary meeting to discuss planning application no 23/01274/FUL – a change of use from agricultural land to dog training facilities, erection of kennel buildings, and office/vet/grooming building at Clarks Farm. After hearing the comments from residents and considering the matter the Council voted to submit a comment letter to BDC opposing the application.
- iii) The contract for cutting the cemetery grass and the village hall grass continued to be fulfilled by a village resident with positive feedback received.
- iv) The Council decided not to make any general donations to village organizations in the year preferring to consider specific requests for a donation.

**Financial Report;**

i)	Balances	Community Account at 31 March 2023 was	£1,511
		Reserve Account	£ 12,636
		<b>Total Net Balances at year end</b>	<b>£ 14,147</b>

Included in the above is £ 122 for the Playing Field Restricted Fund

- ii) The budget for 2024/2023 was set to result in zero increase in the parish precept paid by each household.

**In Conclusion;**

Our thanks are due to our District Council representative Cllr. Ilona Parker and to our County Council representative Cllr. Peter Schwier for their support and attendances.

Councillor Jane Walker Chair June 19, 2024