

Chairman's Report for 2022/23 by Cllr J. Gammond

"Over the last year we have had plenty of ups and downs. Looking back on my year as chairman, I would like to start by saying thank you for all the hard work Elsie has done to make the parish council operate in line with legislation and the law. And the great help we receive from Ian Hardiman, (county councillor) John Byng and Paul Harrison. (District Councillors)

Also our rights of way warden Richard Roberts, who has started a program of upgrading styles and gates throughout the parish, and keeping our paths and bridle ways clear.

I would like to welcome Chris Bunn to the team, and hope to work closely with Chris to get things sorted around the parish.

Thank you also to Chris Jordan for sticking it out, pushing for faster broadband for local residents. Most are now live with fibre to the property.

The support we all pay Wyre Forest district council for in our council tax keeps getting reduced. But the cost keeps going up. We had been asked by Wyre Forest to charge the parishioners twice for local rubbish bins after they withdrew the litter contract. So we have now handed all litter responsibilities back to Wyre Forest. Any litter seen on the roadside needs reporting on the council HUB. Or on the "love clean streets" phone app.

Over the next few months after several near misses, I am planning to undertake a road side tree safety survey, this will be published and tree owners notified of dangerous trees.

A great loss to the Parish Council and the parish this year, is Carole Gammond stepping down after 45 years volunteering as a councillor, we hope to continue to call on her depth of knowledge and understanding of local issues. And wish her all the best.

Thank you to all the other councillors for their input over the last year and let's hope we all have another great year."