

Hunton Parish Council

Annual General Meeting - Chairman's Statement 2024

8th May 2024

The past year has seen the Council continue to support village life and enhance the community in which we all live. The new North Yorkshire Council continues in its consolidation and reorganisation and their declared intention to work closer with Parish Councils is to be welcomed.

We have continued with works around the village. The key task has been the installation of the new footbridge across the beck which is an important link between the two play areas and will last for a good many years to come. Special thanks go to Paul Durrant and his colleagues from AECOM who gave up their time from work to complete the install ably supported by Nick Robinson.

One of the major areas of expenditure for the PC is for grass cutting. The grass cutting contract has come to an end and after a tendering process, Gareth Hastie has been reappointed for a further three year contract. We have had an excellent level of service from Gareth in the past three years and look forward to continuing this relationship.

Claire Seaborne and her willing team of volunteers have continued with the ongoing maintenance to the Pinfold and we are grateful for their efforts. Claire has also been leading a group who are embarking on a Hunton in Bloom Project which has enhanced the look of the village. They entered RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM "It's your Neighbourhood" and achieved an excellent result -HUNTON IN BLOOM LEVEL 5 - OUTSTANDING.

Wendy Knight and Jan Wylie continue to develop the wildflower areas and the results have been very pleasing.

Remembrance Day. Once again, the service was well attended and the memorial was looking as good as it ever has with the large display of poppies and the recently refurbished memorial

As always, the PC is grateful to all those members of the community that have supported our efforts and undertaken voluntary work during the course of the year.

Jan Wylie organised litter picks on the lanes coming into the village and a considerable amount of rubbish was collected. She was ably supported by a number of willing volunteers from the community.

Pete Latham for maintaining the area around the bench along the Hauxwell road.

If you are interested in becoming involved with PC activities or serving on the Council, then please let any member of the Council know. It is likely that not all the current members will seek re-lection at the end of this period and is therefore important for other members of the community to consider supporting the PC in the future.

After 13 years on the PC I have decided not to seek re-election at the AGM in 2024 and it will be my intention to stand down from the PC at the AGM in 2025.

Robert Wyatt

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