

## **Chairman's Report 2025-2026**

Since last May the purchase of a piece of land in the Village has been completed. The land to be used primarily for parking for village events and as an investment for the future. The Village Hall Management Committee gave a large amount to ensure the purchase could go ahead. We are just waiting for the land to be added to the Land Registry.

This year we welcomed a new Councillor Kate Hamilton-Harris, and said goodbye and thank you to Lesley Jefferson who joined us on the Parish Council for a while and has now left us, she will continue to keep an eye on the local footpaths and occasionally do litter picking through the village.

Secondly, thanks again to Arland who has been moving our SID machine on a regular basis to help keep speed down, the data from SID is downloaded and kept to show the average speed of vehicles.

We are still waiting for the yellow lines to be installed at the T junction by Wattisham Airfield, the Highways Department have requested payment but we prefer to wait until the job has been done.

The new owners of the Business Park have endeavoured to put to some use the Nissan huts for small businesses to generate income while plans for the future use of the Park are being considered. This year we had a presentation concerning the Business Park, the plan would include 45 houses of varying sizes, we were asked to forward any comments we might have. Since then we have heard very little.

Steve Tetlow started a campaign to encourage dog walkers to clear up after their pets, this has had some success.

A decision was made to forgo the maintenance on 'street light' the cost of this maintenance and the replacement of the light bulb with an LED was prohibitive.

An ongoing problem has occurred at Wixfield, the outflow from their sewage system is extremely polluted causing the ditch to smell and look awful. Dan Pratt our District Councillor has been taken this problem to the Environment Agency and has had various samples taken for testing.

Ongoing suggestions: Twinning with another community in France, a biodiversity plan for our area and a Village Fete in the summer.

We would like to thank Kay Oakes, our County Councillor and Dan Pratt our District Councillor for all their hard work on our behalf through the year. Also, to Jennie, our Clerk for keeping us on track especially during the purchase of the land.