

Chairman's Report, 2023.

I would like to thank my fellow parish councillors for all their hard work, on behalf of the parish council, during the last year.

A total of six parish council meetings were held. The parish council has continued to embrace the digital world, by using the village website and Slack, to communicate quickly within the parish.

During the year we explored the possibility of setting up a new website. However, this idea has been put on the back burner due to the ongoing costs of providing that service.

A notable achievement during the year was the arrival of FTTP broadband in the village. Admittedly, currently, only supplying one property. But it's a start! I think there is light at the end of the tunnel. The broadband team has worked incredibly hard and the village owes them a deep gratitude. Thank you.

After more years than I care to remember, it was finally established that there was a water leak at the crossroads on the A272. Southern Water repaired the leak and for very short period of time we began to see an improvement. However, the road, continues to deteriorate and despite best efforts as a council, Hampshire Highways fail to repair the damaged road.

The National Trust attended two parish council meetings to present their plans for the changes that are taking place at Hinton Ampner. These meetings were very well attended by members of the public.

During 2022 the parish council established a much closer working relationship with the National Trust. This was led by councillor Hannah Beckett-Pratt. Thank you.

I would like to thank members of the City Council for their attendance and help over the last year.

Finally. I would like to thank you. The members of the public who have attended our meetings, and for expressing your points of view. I hope that we have listened and gone some way to achieving the wishes of the majority, and ultimately improving the environment we all live in.