

PARTNEY AND DALBY PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S REPORT 2024



Introduction

Welcome to the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting, thank you for your attendance this evening. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the council's development's and key priorities for the year 2023/24. It also gives an opportunity to ask any questions about the spending of the precept and how the council has provide facilities and services to the local community, Consultation and engagement with residents is central to understanding residents views, opinions and what at is important to us all. Every community is unique, with very different characteristics. Understanding the needs and concerns of all that live in the parish, including children and young people is important in building a strong connected communities. The recent councillor drop in sessions, held on the last Friday in the month of has provided an opportunity to have an informal chat with residents and begin to understand their concerns or issues relating to Partney and Dalby and listen to what matters to them. It was so heartening to hear the numerous positive comments, it is clear that residents overwhelmingly value the community in which thy live. Some of these comments include an appreciation of the 'vibrant community spirit' the 'supportive and friendly neighbourhood', the 'tidy appearance of the village', the access to open countryside and the frequent bus service linked with other towns and villages. Many of the concerns which were expressed related to on-going issues and concerns, these include the poor conditions of the footways and highways, speeding , flooding and littering. By continuing to talk and engage with residents to seek their views and involvement the council can set the priorities for the future, and ensure we fully represent the community in which we all live.

The Parish Councillors

It is true to state that the year 2023/24 has been a year of consolidation for the council. As a new chair of the council, I am developing my understanding of the role and its key responsibilities. Councillor Sue Sargeant is also new to the role of vice chair of the council and I would like to thank her for her support over the past year. Many of the other councillors have in addition taken on additional responsibilities, these include matters relating to Partney Cemetery, highways issues , planning and financial matters and staffing. Individual councillors have continued to update and extended their knowledge of their role by attending training, including Councillor Risi attendance on the Neighborhood planning course and Councillor Andy Ratcliffe and Councillor Sue Sargeant recent attendance at the Emergency Planning training and Councillor Richard's Jones Cemetery training Some members of the Council, clerk and the contractor for the cemetery also completed their Emergency First Aid training. The role of a parish councillor is a voluntary one and individual councillors have given their time and efforts way beyond attendance at the meetings. I would like to thank them all for their commitment and hard work. I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking Jane Slaymaker, the parish clerk for her calm and professional approach, advice and guidance and her expertise and knowledge. Jane has ensured that we are fully compliant with the Standing Orders and financial legislation and is

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Parish Communication

Effective communication and the sharing of information is central to the role of a Parish Council. In the previous year the council has funded a new large oak noticeboard. The old board was badly in need of replacement and the new one allows more space for council information and that of other key partners. Recently the council has established a Facebook page, seeking to inform and engage with residents who prefer this means of communication. This has allowed for the immediate sharing of updates, including Lincolnshire County Council news and East Lindsey District Council updates.



For members of the community who prefer information shared in a more traditional way, the council has continued to collate and fund a quarterly village newsletter, The Partney and Dalby Navigator. This has allowed partner organisations such as the school, the church and the Victory Hall committee to share news and information.

Village Appearance

Residents clearly value the attractive nature of the villages. The council has recently engaged with Partney shop to address concerns over littering in the village and how this issue can be resolved collaboratively. I am sure all residents would wish to thank Councillor Packa Risi for his individual efforts in litter picking and reporting fly tipping promptly. The council have continued to enhance the entrance to Partney with the funding of the attractive planting around the village containers. In addition, they have begun a programme of bulb planting in key locations thus ensuring that it is an attractive place to live and visit. We have also been successful in obtaining additional funding of £400 with a District Councillors Grant to continue the programme of planting. The recent 'Tidy up morning' held on the 20th April continued with litter picking and the clearing away of vegetation. Work and clearing of vegetation has continued in Partney Cemetery, with overhanging branches with a tidy up morning on 24th March 2024. The council has also funded the mowing of verges and around the church in Partney.

This demonstrates the extent of the Parish Council's work and progress. We will, however continue to engage with residents and partner organisations to set priorities for the all our future development. All residents are able to attend meetings and have a forum where views can be expressed and concerns highlighted. There are opportunities to meet councillors at the drop in sessions. view all information on the website . Councillor will say more about the Parish Plan and Councillor Andy Ratcliffe and Councillor Sue Sargeant will share information on the development of a village Emergency Plan.

