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CHAIRMANS REPORT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 08/04/2025

In the last year we have had quite a bit of change in the make up of the council. We have welcomed Tony and Simon, and we have sadly said goodbye to Mike and Celia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike and Celia for all their hard work, patience and dedication to their roles. They have and will be missed

We weather a tricky year with our locum clerk who offered us a great deal of knowledge. We set up the employment committee with me, Henry and Tony and we successfully managed to recruit our new clerk Anita who joined us in November. May I take this opportunity to commend her professionalism and can-do attitude, jumping straight in and getting on with the job at hand. She is a very welcome member of the team and her CILCA training which she has started will offer the council even more benefit in the future. Thank you

Over the year Councillors have attended conferences, meetings and training.

Kevin, Henry and Nigel set up the environment committee and have regularly met with other parishes to discuss environmental issues affecting our community. More on this later but thank you for your efforts.

I would also like to thank Lucy for all her patience and effort with the youth council and commend them on their maturity at our visit to parliament.

I would like to thank Celia, Phil and Tony for all their efforts on F & G this year we have had some very long and complicated meetings, and everyone's input and effort is to be commended. The budget was a particularly hard job this year as we were faced with unbudgeted costs, rising utilities and guidance that we needed to increase our general reserves. Whilst we tried very hard to not increase the precept, we finalised on a robust budget to see us through next year and get the council finances on a solid footing. Thank you to everyone involved.

Thanks to Rufus and the planning team for all the many applications that they have had to assess and comment on.

Thank you to my pet favourite committee formally known as TGR& H but we have since lost recreation to the charity trustee who will be the same group of people. Kevin, Henry, Nigel and Tony what a group we are!

Finally, thanks to David for his diligent work on winter resilience which we will be looking at next month. May I take this opportunity to send our best wishes and wish him a speedy recovery.