



## Worlingworth Parish Council

### Chairman's Annual Report

2022

Despite the setbacks caused by the pandemic it has been another busy year for the Parish Council. We spent many additional hours outside committee time re-organising the Council's working structure making sure we have got all the protocols and standing orders et cetera correct. Hopefully we are now up-to-date with the regulations by which we are bound. My profound thanks to Juliet Pierce, for all the help she gave to me, and also to Carol Garrett and Jane O'vel for all the hours they spent helping with the various subcommittees that were needed to deal with these issues.

Sadly, after seven years Juliet has decided to step down. We shall all miss her enormously. Richard Quinton continues to keep an eye on the defibrillator but both he and his wife Jackie have also resigned from the Council. However, I am pleased to welcome Stephen Fugler and Kevin Love who have joined us and feel that the village and the Council, with the astute help of Sarah our industrious Clerk, is in the safe hands of people, (all volunteers by the way) who are working hard for the betterment of the village.

Over the course of the year The Parish Council has been involved in 12 planning consultations plus an ongoing appeal relating to the concrete crushing operation at Poplar farm. We can only act as a consultation body but we do our best to represent those who wish to express their views about the various building developments or any other issues of concern.

I would like too to mention Andrew Nunn who has spent many hours in conjunction with our County Councillor, Matthew Hicks, on our Road Safety improvements campaign and for liaising with Anglian Water on the upgrades of our inadequate sewerage system made worse of course by the eve-increasing number of dwellings that the Mid Suffolk District Council keep allowing be built and by ourselves with the cooking fats and wipes being discarded into the drains!

My thanks to Diana Totten for all her drive and enthusiasm in organising the Christmas Tractor Run for the food bank, Dr Carolyn Barnes for all the hours of work she puts in to analysing and collecting the speed information from the Vehicle Activated Safety Sign which goes to the police once a month so that they can formulate a new policy on speeding in rural areas, to Francis Muldoon our efficient and hard-working Tree Warden, to Michael Howard our representative with Police and Tom Royal for his help with our various problems with the internet.

The council made the following donations: the memorial bench for John Smith, for all his work for the village - especially the community bus; the Suffolk Ambulance Rescue Service; the Citizens Advice Bureau; the Royal British Legion, the upkeep of the village burial ground and War Memorial at the church, and The Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Autumn Tidy Up and the Spring Clean went ahead as usual and a significant amount of litter was collected.

After a review of the nominations received The Jubilee Cup, to mark an individual or group's contribution to village life, this year was awarded to Geoffrey Robinson.

Brian Smallcombe Chairman