

Chairman's Report for 2021/2022 Parish Council Year

May I start by thanking our Clerk, Adriana Jones, for a year of excellent organisation and assistance and for the work of our Councillors in ensuring we deliver on our responsibilities.

The areas covered include planning, finance, cleaning and maintenance, liaison with our residents and the support of the local economy and events.

In 2022 we had no Parish Council elections. In 2021 we did not need to have Parish Council Elections due to the exact matching of councillors to the posts available.

The Parish Council comments on all planning applications made. The majority of planning applications are mainly procedural and we have contested a number of "stables" to "residential" accommodation throughout the year.

Last year an application was in hand to close a beautiful footpath and I am pleased to say this has been saved. The PC will always defend the rights of way of footpaths. Once lost they will never return.

Some planning applications are found to be misleading and we seek proper clarification before finalising our views. The Parish Council comments on every application referred to it by the District Council. The District Council makes the final decision.

Monthly tasks include the maintenance of our greens, surrounds and the Village Hall.

Now we are out of lockdown we expect the Village Hall to return to normality and we are planning to order new external tables and chairs.

From time to time we are asked to liaise with residents over local issues and we provide information to help search for an acceptable solution. This can include commenting to the District Council planning application matters.

Last year we welcomed the return of the Toot Hill Show and we gave financial support based on the number of attendees. In 2022 the Toot Hill Show should be fully "back to normal" for the first time since 2019 and the Parish Council will discuss support for the current year.

All the items listed above are dealt with on a monthly basis and reported on at our bi-monthly formal Parish Council meetings. These are normally held in the Toot Hill Village Hall and are now back to "normal" and "Face to Face".

Parishioners are very welcome to attend our meetings.

Councillor John Glover
Chairman Stanford Rivers Parish Council