

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2015

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

Members' attendance this year has been 92.7%.

The Council has handled 35 planning applications, two of which went for Appeal, at which the Council were represented, and two others the Council referred to the Planning Committee.

Whilst staying within budget, we had to increase our precept this year because of the loss of the City Councils grant. The balances have increased because of a donation from a local Trust.

Trees have been planted and ivy removed from others, and the annual tree inspection carried out.

After 15 years of slog, we have finally achieved the footbridge over the railway at Foxcovert Road.

The Parish has had meetings with Railtrack regarding the proposed flyover or underpass between Ginton and Werrington, and are pushing for it to be below ground level.

Meetings with regard to the proposed crossing closures at Helpston, Maxey, Lolham and Tallington have been held to express our grave concerns that these closures will push even more traffic onto the A15 and through the villages, making it even more difficult to exit our village at peak times.

The Parish Council met with the company who run the gas compressor station, regarding their plans to refurbish the station. Following the meeting, parish councillors visited the site and we await a planning application.

The Neighbourhood Plan, which is being developed, is now even more urgent, as the planning rules changed on the 1st April and with a plan in place, could be financially beneficial to the Parish.

We have embarked on a housing survey to assess the needs of housing in the village now, and in the future.

The Council has had regular reports from Glington Green, of their work on the villages' behalf.

The Council has supported local groups with small grants.

An additional bench has been provided in the play park.

Regular litter picks have been organised.

Geoff Noble, who keeps our Parish graveyard neat and tidy, has announced his retirement from next March. He will be missed for the great job he does and for his passion for the village.

I would like to thank the clerk and councillors for their support and commitment to our village.

Cllr John Holdich

Chair