

Chairman's Report Norbury and Roston Parish Council May 2025

May 2024 saw changes in the Parish Council with myself (Steve Davis) as the new Chair and Michele Robinson as the new Vice Chair which set the tone for in essence what has been a year of change culminating in the appointment of Katy Granter as our new Parish Clerk. Katy has hit the ground running, throwing herself into all manner of new things and where she doesn't have the background to something she searches out the information or relevant training course and sets sail with a welcome vibrancy and enthusiasm.

Michele has been a huge help with IT, banking and the all important accounts for which we are really grateful for. As such Michele has got the web site/Facebook page updated and running smoothly, along with the painful process of dealing with the bank in order to enable us to process online payments rather than using our trusty cheque book.

Karina has as ever given us thoughtful and considered council on all things whilst quietly beaver away in the background on her pet project; the original metal black and white Norbury and Roston sign posts which look fantastic.

Karl as the newbie on the Parish Council has lent into several projects with his bountiful knowledge and wealth of experience from the business world and as such helped us secure the fabulous Katy as our new Parish Clerk. Karl has also been tending to the area around the Roston Airfield Memorial in order to keep it looking smart.

The Parish Council would not be the Parish Council without Anne, as her years of knowledge and experience have proven invaluable. If ever we have a query about what has gone on in the past or we need to refer back to something in the minutes Anne has duly gone straight to it and plucked the information out from the archives. Thank you Anne!

The roads around the village are perhaps one of the most common agenda points and as such we are in constant discussion with the Highways team, with the support of Steve and Sue Bull, trying to make improvements. This is ongoing as it's a mountain to climb and we are slowly acclimatising ourselves as we climb up this mountain piece by piece, in order to get some positive action from the Highways Department.

Bills charity and Wills charity have once again benefited members of the Parish this year. Whilst on the subject of charity there are two young ladies in the village who are litter picking for us (Grace Chadfield & Annabel Carr) as part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award so please keep an eye out for them over the coming months.

The Precept this year has gone up, which is how the Parish Council is funded in order to pay for such things as the Parish clerk amongst other things. We were informed by Derbyshire County Council that we had not been in line with the other Parish Councils hourly rate of pay and so with the advent of a new clerk we have made the necessary change. This change was made several months ago and so we appreciate the support of everyone in the Parish on this matter.

That concludes my report for this year and I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Parish for their support, feedback and suggestions that I have received this year.

Steve Davis