

Chairmans Report 2023

Pulham St Mary Parish Council

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A reflection of last financial year, it has been a busy year. I want to thank Parish Councillors and District Councillor Hudson and District Councillor Wilby for their time and efforts in 2022 - 2023.

Village maintenance

We have had tree planting with Councillor Yaxley and Councillor Andersson-Hewitt planting trees that were donated, also bulb planting in areas of the village donated by District Councillor Hudson and planted by Councillor volunteers. Chestnut Trees in St Marys Terrace North Green Road were inspected and maintained.

Following a car accident on village Green, Councillor Freeman restored bollards.

Playpark North Green Road, visually inspected at regular intervals, large amount of Graffiti removed and reported to Community Police Officer.

Hoxne Road Bridge repaired with a 30mph speed restriction put in place to safe guard the village.

Full Fibre Optic Wifi in the village provided by County Broadband.

Events.

Queens Platinum Jubilee, after considerable preparation we organised several events:

Councillor Freeman (footpath warden) - redesigned footpath to include a short and long walk-through fields and pathway that give a safe walking experience. During the preparation several sign posts have been replaced and footbridges repaired. A plaque has been installed commemorating the

Queens Platinum Jubilee at Gate entrance to the church.

Fantastic, unique light show projecting images of the Queen on Pulhams St Mary Church was admired by villages and further afield.

Allotment Garden Party, bird boxes and bug houses for the children, refreshments donated by Pulhams St Mary Parish Council and Morrisons Community Champion.

Church fete, brought the village together with the opening of the footpath followed by a community walk.

Shortly after the Jubilee celebrations we had the sad passing of our Queen and would like to thank her Majesty for a life time service to us.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Pennoyer for their contributions to the Jubilee events and the diverse regular events.

Other assets of our village need to be recognised such as Bossy Boots shop and Post Office, Pulham St Mary Garage, Trail Blazers for our young people.

Ongoing project.

South Green Pavillion: Parish Council has proposed a project to reuse the existing building as a Man Shed which will be overseen by District Councillor Hudson, we also need village volunteers to use their skills to restore the shed this will be a community project lead by District Councillor Hudson.

A new Armed Forces Champion has been established with the intention of involving the Primary School in forth coming Armistice Day celebrations.

There has been a reduction of ASB in the village of late, with crime prevention in mind an official Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been set up with volunteers needed to help run the scheme.

There has been a proposal for new housing projects in the village with the Parish Council making sure we have our say on issues raised on drainage, infrastructure and village facilities. Ongoing pressure is also being made to the relevant authorities to resolve flooding issues from previous flooding.

Youth Group. Myself and local volunteers have had many meetings with local schools, local authorities, Police, and Youth schemes to assist us in opening a New Youth Club for the Pulhams called Pulham's Youth Engagement Project. We have an opening day in the Memorial Hall Pulham Market and afternoon Gaming Event at the Pennoyer on Saturday 15th April showing samples of activities to be held at a regular weekly Youth Club. All safety policies, insurance, first aid, DBS checks will be put in place with the aid of local grants.

We have lots to look forward to in the coming year, stay safe and enjoy life