

Annual Parish Meeting 24 May 2022
Chairs Report – Cllr Crompton Howe – Owmbly by Spital Parish Council

- Can I **thank my fellow councillors** for their support and commitment over the past year it is much appreciated?
- We also have a **New Parish Clerk** Julie Haycraft who has been a real star and has thrown herself wholeheartedly into the role. She has risen above the difficult and frustrating times she encountered at the start of her employment and has got things on track.
- Julie has undergone and passed **several training courses and qualifications** to not only help herself do the work but has put the PC on track in these increasingly complicated times where we need to have policies for nearly everything we do.
- Julie has recently submitted our **accounts for audit** and has had a glowing report back.
- Added to that she is **also Normanby PC's clerk** thus ensuring clear communications between the two Councils and an added bonus any training costs are split between the two PC's.
- Can I register **my personal thanks** for all your time spent answering calls, texts from myself and giving me the appropriate advice even when I had not asked for it, that's what a good clerk does.

- A thank you also to **Cllr Bunney** attendance and advice at our meetings has been most welcome.

In the year Owmbly Parish Council have:-

- Chased West Lindsey reference the ongoing saga of **pot holes and fly tipping**.
- Reviewed and commented on the various **planning applications**.
- **Organised litter** picks, which we hope going forward to make bi monthly
- **Reviewed all our policies** both internal for example finance, bullying and harassment and external, for example using volunteers, not simple in these Health and Safety / Litigious days.
- **Agreed jointly with NPC the grass cutting** contract for our joint assets i.e. the Community Park and the cemetery.
- Reviewed and have joint plans in place to carry out **hedge / tree maintenance work in the cemetery**. The **rabbit damage** issue seems to have subsided although it will re occur I am sure is also on the list for rectifying.
- Set up and keep updating our **web site** where all the Parish Council agendas / minutes are placed.
- Jointly the two Parish Councils have set up and approved the **Community Park Committee** and its terms of reference.
- OPC **maintain a defibrillator** on the end of Richard Harrison's electrical workshop on Owmbly Cliff Road.
- Drawn up our **5 year aspirational plan**.
- OPC held a successful "**meet the councillors**" get together in the church where we informed and discussed our 5 year plan and proposed activities with the residents.

- Set the **annual precept**, which as we gain assets we incur more expense which in the main is grass, tree and hedge maintenance. There are also 4 trees to be removed on Normanby road. We are trying to get Highways to remove some if not all at their expense, we will wait and see.
- OPC has in the past and is trying again to update a previous list and confirm the location, who is the keeper of the money and amount. There are several **“pots of money”** held by organisations no longer active or not generally known about. We are doing this so that people are aware of the funds and that the money is not lost through people moving or passing away. Example the old wives club, cenotaph fund from the book sale of “they went to war”, Old Youth Club and the Normanby School / Village hall fund which has recently been donated to the CPC.