

Keswick & Intwood Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting: Chairperson Report 25th May 2022:

The parish council lost a highly valued and respected parish clerk after Phillip Brooks tragically lost his long battle with illness at the start of the year. As a parish council we are grateful to the support of the Dannant family who through consultation with Phillip's family have supported a memorial bench to be situated in a rural and tranquil setting. It is hoped that the bench will both provide an appropriate destination for those who knew Phillip to visit and reflect but also and importantly provide an ongoing memorial to acknowledge the work that Phillip carried out as parish clerk.

Sam Henry stepped into the role of parish clerk at the beginning of the year and the parish council would like to thank Sam for her input, especially when we consider that this was in the context and challenges of a pandemic which added a further complication.

The parish council has functioned in line with government guidance throughout the pandemic and welcomed a return to face-to-face meetings at the later end of the year. The parish council has continued to remain stable in numbers but it has been acknowledged that it would be beneficial to ascertain if there was any further interest in the parish to join.

The parish council appreciates the support of the local councillors. The input of the councillors has especially been valued in regard to any ongoing discussions and decisions regarding to applications linked to the development known as the 'Land West Of Ipswich Road Keswick Norfolk'. It is acknowledged that the development and especially the related traffic calmer measures and conditions on Low Road are the key concerns for local parishioners and that the decision made by local councillors to formally request recent planning applications to be placed back before an appropriate planning committee was widely supported. It is acknowledged that whilst outline planning permission has been granted, the local parish are keen to play an active role in any consultation linked to outstanding conditions.

From a financial perspective the parish council maintains a precept of £6000 and manages an appropriate reserves policy which have all recently been audited and approved by an external auditor. The parish council remains a member of the Norfolk Association of Local Council's which continues to be seen as a necessary and useful membership.

I am choosing not to stand as chairperson for the next year as I no longer have the time to commit to this role. I would like to thank the other parish councillors and the parish clerk for their support during my time as chairperson.

Kevin Hanner

Chairperson

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