

- Keswick and Intwood Parish Council
- Annual Parish meeting: Chairperson Report May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

The Parish Council saw the resignation of three of its councillors this year, Tim Love, Sue Hendry and Kevin Hanner. We wish them well and thank them for their contributions to the Parish. Kevin, as previous chairman, worked tirelessly over many years to keep the Council focussed on government guidance and general wellbeing of the Parish. Now that I have been chairperson for the last year this has also been my aim.

I am pleased announce that the Parish has co-opted a new councillor and would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mike Pilgrim and look forward to us all working together during the next year.

Although we have been fairly steady in numbers during the last year, we do now have two vacancies within the Parish Council and would encourage further interest from those living in Keswick and Intwood to come forward and help shape the future of the two villages.

Sam, as clerk, has been there to guide us on financial, legal and government issues and it with great happiness that we congratulate her on the recent arrival of a baby daughter.

This has been a year with some frustrations regarding the Industrial Development and also the required essential traffic calming measures needed along Low Road. I would like to reassure you that the Parish Council has been keen to play an active part in the consultation process linked to the outstanding conditions of the granted outline planning permission.

Our Local District Councillors have been supportive of our Parish by continuing to refer ongoing detailed applications from the developer, regarding the layout and style of buildings, back to the relevant committee for discussion and approval/refusal. At this point though we still seem to be no further with any indication of timescales.

One of those conditions is concerning the Low Road traffic calming measures. These are very important to our ocal parishioners but despite asking the developer many times to provide us with revised plans, they have not done so. As a consequence, I have been unable to give any further details at our Parish Council meetings.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank David Vail for all his work with the reading room committee with raising funds for the improvements to the room and garden area.

I am pleased to inform you that the Parish Council still maintains a precept of £6000 and maintains an appropriate reserves policy.

The Parish Council also remains a member of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils as this is seen as a necessary and useful membership.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors and clerk for their support over the last year as chairperson.

Janet Hill Chairperson Keswick and Intwood Parish Council