

## **NORTH MUSKHAM PARISH COUNCIL- 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT for 2021-2022**

Firstly it is appropriate that I thank the Parish Councillors who have continued to provide unrewarded service to the community in the past year. The views of some in any community are often negative towards Councils and whilst that is the right of a free speaking country I know it has the tendency to wear us down.

I believe we all do what we do because we want to help the North Muskham community grow and develop and we all wish to support and nurture the lives of its inhabitants.

Thanks also to Ben, our new incumbent for joining us and already you have made a significant difference to various initiatives.

I would also like to thank of course Jayne for her continued tolerance, hard work and understanding and also our handy man contractor John Dodson for helping to keep the village spick and span.

My thanks also to Sue and Bruce- your support and help is appreciated especially as times and budgets get tighter and indeed we see less of officers actually attending meetings.

Our achievements in the past year:

- Road resurfacing throughout the village including Vicarage Lane- given the demand across the county- working with Bruce we did extremely well
- Play equipment grant of £55k won by the PC
- Village clean up
- The allotment maturity and new facilities
- A grant won from NSDC for the Wi Fi and cctv at the Village Hall
- A competent and reasonable determination of various planning items
- Xmas tree lights switch on at the Ferry
- Emergency renovation of the skatepark
- Continued support of the village hall

The year ahead will throw up challenges but I am sure we will confront them and deal with them in the same competent and supportive way we have in the past.

Communication again will be key and this week we will be starting the North Muskham Village FB page to support the village web site. It is important we engage with the community and encouragement involvement.

I would wish us to continue to progress and to this end I would like us to invest time in looking further at:

- Village Neighbourhood Plan- sub - committee and non - council volunteers
- Resurfacing of the old great north road
- The protection and if possible the acquisition of the lakeside area
- More village events and celebrations
- To look again at a village shop and indeed a bowling green

I finally would like to recognise the tremendous efforts of others in the village who have made lives better including Lisa Atkinson, Andy Willey, Jeff and Anne Readman and the key supporters of our churches and Georgie the Vicar. Thankyou all again and I look forwards to celebrating the reign of our glorious Queen in June. Ian Harrison