

## CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2023/2024

Welcome everyone to the Annual Parish meeting, and a big thanks to all have attended the meetings this year and that have given their reports and input over that time.

### Starting with District and County councillors

Councillor Kevin Thurlow attended a number of our meetings and gave us reports on the Refuse collection dispute now resolved, and the plans for Moota Quarry extension. Details of the Fells and Solway panel as to the money available for various projects. Also working on our behalf to get the roads and pavements cleaned and a voice in getting our roads repaired.

### Newsletter

The Parish Council Newsletter is keeping the village informed on various topics thanks to Vannessa for her work.

### The Village Green

Complaints were made regarding the mess being made of the green by agricultural machines and large vehicles. We had problems with drains in the village eventually sorted by the Highways department. We had a problem with cars parking long term on the Green which seems to have been stopped. There was a request put to the council for the removal of the trees outside of Quietways property of which we gave approval as long as the green is properly reinstated. Council was asked to consider the building of a play park.

### Planning

There was an application for consultation for a side extension to No 3-4 Smithy cottage, there were no objections.

Objections were made to the removal of 280mtrs of ancient Hedgerow for Beach House farm.

Still an ongoing issue with the type and installation of a sheet to cover the Lagoon on Beach house farm'. There were no objections to the erection of a roof over a Yard and resurfacing of same. A deed of easement for the Old Smithy was circulated and agreed.

### Donations

£400 to St James Church to go towards maintenance.

### Parish Council Clerk

Trevor attended a Clerk forum at which he was informed that the Government wanted Parish Councils to use .gov Emails and Web site and all Calc correspondence should be decided by the Clerk as to what is passed on to councillors. A draft budget was prepared for 2024/25 and was approved at £5800.00. Once again, we need to say a big thanks for the professional way, Trevor has conducted proceedings over the year.

### Vacancy

We have had a vacancy for council members for the full year.

### Trees on the Moor

The trees were inspected and there were a few losses, but it was decided not to plant any more and look after the existing trees. £50 was agreed to the restocking of plants in the tyre planters around the village.