

## **PLASTERDOWN GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2022/23**

My thanks to all of you for participating in the business of the Parish Council over the last 12 months with particular thanks to the Vice Chairman for his support and guidance and to Andy Lacey for all his work on our behalf.

The highlights of the year have been:

- The Platinum Jubilee celebrations – thanks to Katie Warnes for hosting it and her committee for masterminding the event and Liz Cole and her team for managing the catering; the church was extremely grateful to receive the profits.
- The planting of the Platinum Jubilee trees which are flourishing thanks to the care lavished on them by Janet Sturmer over the winter.
- It was disappointing not to be able to hold the Coronation Rounders match on 8 May due to the weather; we hope for better luck on 29 May.
- The 40mph sign eventually went up at Grenofen and it was pleasing to resolve the traffic sign issue on Fullamoor Lane.
- The PC made donations to a number of local organisations which were all well received – from memory TASS; CAB; Whitchurch Wayfarers; Whitchurch & Sampford Spiney Churches.
- The Planning Committee met regularly – whether we achieved anything is a matter for debate but at least we contributed to the process.

Less positively:

- We have so far failed to resolve the Gees Farm/Heckwood School issue despite raising it with DNPA the park and using the good offices of Cllr Sanders to prod it along.
- We are struggling to maintain our numbers and I will be interested to see who offers themselves to be our Chairman.

For the future:

- Monitor the Rapid Response Catchments project.
- I look forward to Beating the Bounds in October.
- Perhaps the Council might consider how it might achieve more for our community and not be hesitant about seeking more funding through the Precept to achieve its aims.