

Chairman's report for Annual Parish meeting May 2025

The Chairman thanked his fellow Parish Councillors, Clerk, District Cllrs and County Cllr for their support throughout the year.

Cllr Warwick was elected as Chairman and Cllr Olley as Vice Chairman for the year.

Donation sent to Dereham Cancer Care.

Planning – 16 Abby Close, rear extension, the Parish Council had no objection and it was approved..

2 Abbey Farm Cottages, Carr Lane, single storey rear extension to dwelling, the Parish Council had no objections to this.

2 Mill Close Manor Drift, retrospective planning application for an equestrian development, application approved.

Also a hay bale storage barn application was refused.

Poplars, Swaffham Road, demolition of substandard conservatory, to existing garage, proposed single storey extension to double garage this was approved.

Kenwood, Swaffham Road, demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey extension, this was approved.

Land off Station Road, new tractor shed, the Parish Council decided not to support this as it would cause a dangerous situation because of agricultural traffic and it was Refused.

Highways – over the year pot holes had appeared and been dealt with.

Blocked drain at the Chapel was a problem, flooding problem at Hulver Street ongoing.

Pot holes at Abbey Close are getting bad now.

A sign towards Hulver Street has been replaced. The road surface at Station Road was smoothed over. There is still a speeding problem through the village.

New rubbish bin bought and installed down Station Road. Also dog litter bin bought and installed at the end of the village. Notice board down Station Road moved to a flatter position..

Each year Cllr Foster organises an ester egg hunt, which the Parish Council is very thankful for her doing and is a great success. She also organises a village litter pick, which is also very successful as many bags of litter is collected. She also organised a Halloween event, in October, which was not so successful as the easter egg hunt. The pumpkins were supplied by the Greenbanks Hotel.

Each year, the end of year and the AGAR are adopted.

Last July Mr James Taylor Roberts and Dr Jennifer Hunt were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Last year Breckland Council thought about implementing car parking charges but so far this has not been started.

The Parish Council continues to pay for grass cutting at Wendling Church of St. Peter and St Paul and also the Methodist Church.

The village became aware last summer that there was likely to be a proposal for a solar farm, which would impact on Wendling. A meeting took place in the village hall in October and the company RWE came and gave a useful presentation. Since then there have been several meetings where residents have been able to attend and gather more information. It is continually discussed at Parish Council meetings.

Donations were given to Little Rainbows for £250.00.

The precept was set at £6,000.00

Wendling Church of St. Peter and St Pauls will be cleaned and the key can be obtain from Cllr Warwick.

The village sign will have some repainting done to it and Cllr Olley has cleaned it.

N.P.T.S. subscription was renewed.

Both clothing and paper banks at the Chapel have been removed.