

Hempton Parish Council

Chairs Report to The Annual Parish Meeting...18 May 2022

*Welcome.*

Where has this last year gone...the term 'time flies' just doesn't seem adequate...it feels more like travelling at the speed of light

The Parish Council have had another busy year

The merger with Pudding Norton is nearing completion...unfortunately NNDCs legal department have had some staffing issues which have negatively impacted our schedule, but these seem to have been resolved and we are back on track. Subject to the correct I's being dotted and T's being crossed we should be on course for our first meeting in our new capacity in July...September at the latest

We have installed 6 new benches which are being very well used, and it's lovely to see

The proposed roundabout is still in the planning process, and we are awaiting notification of the date of the Planning Committee Meeting

We had floated the idea of setting up a community hub but as there was no interest shown we have decided to put this item onto the back burner for now

We are keen to recruit some new Councillors and hope to get to full complement over the next few months

Covid is still with us, and we it seems that have got to live with it...we received a plaque from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk Lady Dannant which was presented to the Parish Council at the beginning of the year to commemorate the spirit and resilience shown within our respective communities throughout the county during the pandemic

The old bus shelter has been reroofed and made safe...repurposing plans are still being considered

Cadent the gas infrastructure company have been out surveying and marking up the mains gas pipes...so we have several more 'candy canes' than we previously had but this is still work in progress and we are awaiting receipt of a final schedule of works from them

The work on the duck pond is still to be completed...the contractor has been held up by the weather, it's either been too wet or too dry, but assures us that the planting will be done as soon as conditions are right

We had a nesting Corn Crane...a very rare bird and we are hoping it returns this year

There are two days of celebrations planned for the jubilee weekend and we hope that many will join in the fun...details are contained in our newsletters, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Hayden for her efforts organising the events for this momentous occasion

Thank you *to our clerk & councillors.*