

Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council – May 2024

- The Parish Council normally consists of seven parish councillors who are elected or co-opted from the parishioners of Teffont. There have been quite a few changes of councillors in the last few months including three changes of chairman. The six councillors currently in post as follows:
 - Clarissa Bell
 - Sonia O'Donnell
 - Tony Deane
 - Nick Blackford
 - Andrew Chapman
 - David Wood (Chairman)

We also have a new Parish Council Clerk (Rowena Taylor) who has taken over from Madeline Honeybourne. Upon the shoulders of the Clerk falls the burden of doing much of the work decided upon by the councillors. We are very grateful to both Madeline for all her work and to Rowena for taking on the role.

We are indeed very fortunate to have so many villagers who are willing to serve on the Parish Council as either councillors or clerk and I would like to record my thanks to them for their time and wisdom.

- The Parish Council has met a number of times in the past twelve months in order to transact Parish business. A major part of the Parish Council's business is taken up examining Planning Applications for which the Parish Council is a non-statutory consultee. Over the past twelve months the Parish Council has reviewed and commented upon a number of Planning Applications including some that have aroused some local passions.
- Other main pieces of business transacted at Parish Council meetings in the past 12 months have included the following significant items:
 - The adoption of a Biodiversity Policy.
 - Review of the village's flood defences following last year's flood.
 - Extension of the 30mph limit out of the village towards Chilmark, as far as the Stud.
- The Parish Council's finances remain healthy.
 - As at 22nd March 2024 the fund stood at £19,753 upon the receipt of precept of £6,962.
 - Of this, around £2,000 is ear-marked to provide work in support of the Flood Mitigation work.
 - Around £8,173 is maintained in a reserve.
- In conclusion therefore it has been a successful year for the Parish Council. We thank you for your support in our work and we hope that you feel well served by your Parish Council.

David Wood
Chairman
Teffont Parish Council
30 April 2024