

**Deopham & Hackford Parish Council**  
**Chairmans Report 2024**

The years continues to be a busy one for the Parish Council, with meetings being attended by members of the public.

We are pleased to report we have a full compliment of Parish Councillors, each offering their own skill set and each taking a share of the workload with projects and directing maintenance work within the two villages. Training has been provided.

We continue to be supported by Margaret Dewsbury (County Councillor), and we greatly appreciate her attendance at our monthly meetings.

Josh Woolliscroft is the newly appointed District Councillor and we look forward to working with him to support the parish.

The Play Park Project continues to develop further with grants being received from the National Lottery Community Fund, fundraising by the parishioners and the vat return. All of which has allowed us to complete Stage 2, in January 2024, comprising of play equipment, and fencing to secure the area keeping the children and adults safe from dogs.

Stage 3 will comprise of the final play equipment, additional fencing and a car park area. The Play area has proved a huge hit with local children and visitors from neighbouring villages. So, it has proved to be a worthy project. Another round of grant finding will continue.

The Website has been revamped by Jordana Wheeler, the Parish Clerk and is much more user friendly, colourful and informative. Thank you, Jordana.

Clean Up & Bloom Grant will allow us to purchase litter picking equipment and also develop flower containers.

Notice Boards have been an additional priority with a replacement being sited in Deopham and a second on the playing field being prioritised in the new budget.

Speed limit changes continues to be discussed with highways along with flooding issues.

The Clerk Jordana Wheeler continues to manage the finances with clear and transparent efficiency, with a change in 2024 to online banking.

My usual thanks to the Parish Councillors who are all volunteers and gladly give up their time to represent the parishes of Deopham & Hackford. Thank you to Jordana, who keeps us all organised and up to speed with the latest news and who also makes our lives a lot easier when we have to make decisions, with clear information provided to inform all aspects of the matter. Once again, thank you.

Jacky Phoenix  
Chair of Deopham & Hackford Parish Council

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