

**Deopham & Hackford Parish Council**  
**Chairmans Report 2023**

Another busy year for the Parish Council, with the usual planning applications, policy making and day to day running of the financial decisions required from the council to support the needs of the parish.

The focus target has been to provide a Play Park on the playing field, with the sub team working hard towards finding play equipment, the Clerk of the council finding grants and the final installation of Stage 1 Activity Tower, being installed in January 2023. We are grateful to Yvonne Bendle (District Councillor) for supporting the project with a grant from South Norfolk District Council in July 2022. With fund raising from parishioners, and the District Councillor, the objective of Stage 1 was complete.

Speeding traffic, erosion of banks, pot holes, rat run traffic from the A11 road works has made everyday life complicated, and complaints were expressed by parishioners. The Parish Council continue to press for speed measures with Highways. Dog Bins and road signage has also been on our hit list.

The Light Pollution Policy has been developed and is referred to in all planning application responses. We continue to work towards the sky's remaining dark with as little light pollution as possible.

Yvonne Bendle our District Councillor of many years will be standing down. Thank you, Yvonne, for your dedicated support and constant attention throughout your elected period. We appreciate your commitment to the Parish.

Thank you also to my fellow Parish Councillors for your support and assistance with shared responsibility being taken for the work load that the year has brought. Finally, a big thank you to Jordana Wheeler our Parish Clerk, who keeps us up to date with council tasks, finances and budgets, grant finding and all the mundane tasks necessary to run the Parish Council.

Jacky Phoenix  
Chair of Deopham & Hackford Parish Council

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