

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 @ LITTLE LEIGH  
VILLAGE HALL**

GOOD EVENING.

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF DUTTON 2026.

BEFORE I CONTINUE COULD I ASK THAT WE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS SILENCE IN RESPECT OF ANY MEMBER OF OUR PARISH OR ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARISH, WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY MY THANKS TO MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN MY 2 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN AND ALSO TO OUR CLERK FOR KEEPING ALL OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS IN ORDER.

IT HAS BEEN A FAIRLY QUIET 12 MONTHS AGAIN AND WE HAVE MET ON 6 OCCASIONS. MATTERS THE COUNCIL HAVE DISCUSSED HAVE INCLUDED:

- DAMAGED FOOTPATHS
- POTHOLES & FLOODING
- SAND EXCAVATION

- HOUSE BUILD ON LODGE LANE
- REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED FOOT PATH BRIDGE - TUNNEL END
- SOLAR & ENERGY STORAGE – ASTON GRANGE FARM
- DUTTON HORSE BRIDGE REPAIRS

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF OUR COUNTY COUNCILLORS LYNN GIBBON, PHIL MARSHALL & NORMAN WRIGHT WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUR MEETINGS OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND KEEP US UP TO DATE ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY. A MONTHLY CWAC NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS ALWAYS MAKE UP PART OF EACH MEETINGS AGENDA. THIS YEAR WE HAVE DEALT WITH APPLICATIONS RELATING TO:

- EXTENSIONS
- CHANGE OF LAND USE
- DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS FOR REPLACEMENT WITH NEW ONES.
- ERECTION OF FORESTRY BUILDINGS

WE HAVE DEALT WITH VARIOUS MATTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND OUR CLERK KEEPS US UPTO DATE WITH OTHER MATTERS VIA AN ABUNDANCE OF EMAILS!

WE HAVE THIS YEAR SEEN THE PLANTING OF TREES ON CHESHIRE WEST OWNED LAND ALONG NORTHWICH ROAD. THIS IS AN INITIATIVE TO SAFEGUARD GREEN SPACES AND MAKE NEW WOODLANDS.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN INTERESTING TO SEE SOME EMPTY PROPERITES IN THE VILLAGE FINALLY BEING BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN LITTLE LEIGH AS THANKS TO SUE BEESLEY, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING OUR FUTURE MEETINGS AT BLUEBELL COTTAGE GARDENS, LODGE LANE.

MANY THANKS FOR ATTENDING AND PLEASE REMEMEMBER THAT COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IF WE CAN BE OF ANY ASSITANCE WITH ANY PARISH MATTERS YOU MAY HAVE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US. THIS CAN BE DONE VIA OUR WEBSITE OR YOU CAN EMAIL THE CLERK DIRECTLY.