

## Parwich Parish Council Chairman's report 15 May 2024

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all my fellow Councillors for their free time that they willingly give up to sit on the Parish Council, and support our village and community.

A special thanks goes to Councillor Isobel Manning, who by her hard and tireless work has managed to obtain £20,000+ funding from the Derbyshire Environmental Trust to make improvements to the children's playground. We now have a new bright yellow roundabout, an improved see-saw and a shiny new slide, as well as refurbished swings.

Thanks also go to our Clerk, Andrew Martin, who works many hours over his allotted paid time to organize and run the Council, advising us on Parish Council procedures and managing to make coherent minutes from our often rather rambling discussions.

Among the other matters that your Parish Council has managed over the last year, we have refurbished the village toilets with new doors and windows, and returned to regular cleaning of the facilities. We have donated new main lights to the Memorial Hall, and a set of chairs to the Carnival Committee for outside events, partially funded the Fireworks display, and paid for new floodlights for the tennis courts, as well as cleaning and relining the courts.

Other works in hand include the re-roofing of the Pavilion, and the sealing of the exposed asbestos in the changing room there, and in the Pump Hill garden bat and owl boxes have been installed.

We continue to support Derbyshire Dales Housing Department in their continued work to build more affordable housing for local people. We are fortunate to have the services of a local contractor to continue the mowing of our green spaces in the village, and I am sure that you will agree with me if I say that he has made the village look outstanding.

As you can tell, life on the Parish Council is exciting and rewarding, whether it is commenting on planning applications, organizing clean up days, or any of the other work that the Council undertakes. We still have two vacancies that need to be filled, so why not join us to experience the pleasure of caring for your village and community.

