

Annual Assembly May 2024

Lindsey Parsons Chairperson

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Assembly.

I have been chairperson for the last two years and I hope that in that time we have made a few changes to benefit the community.

The new Somerset Council has made a difference to the Parish Council, as we will be having more discussions over what the parishes will have to do rather than Somerset Council.

We have a Local Community Network that has been set up within the local parish councils so that we can communicate, to be able to help each other with larger issues that may arise.

During the past year we have had resignations from three councillors due to other commitments which we were very sorry to lose them, we have now filled all these places and we welcome Carol Bradbury, Dave Dodge and Steve Parker as our new councillors.

As mentioned last year we were hoping that the footpaths around the ponds would be open by now, but with a last-minute objection this has put a hold on a decision being made, hopefully Somerset Council will resolve this soon.

We have removed several trees from Wharf Road and other places around the village which were unsafe, we have been able to replace two of the trees, one at Crossways and another near the Brownie copse.

We have also cleared a lot of overgrown areas along Brookside Road and at the entrance to Wharf Road, we must thank the Community Payback Scheme for helping with this, it will be an ongoing process, as we now have a new village gardener and with help from the gardening club, we hope to make the village look more enticing.

At the wharf we have seen several deliveries arriving with large equipment for the new power station, a few of the deliveries has given residents some amusement with suggestions put on social media. We have also been in contact with HPC concerning many complaints due to fly parking at the entrance to the village, this is an ongoing situation which we hope can be addressed soon.

I would like to thank our Clerk Gina Mear for all her hard work and to thank Tina Gardener for her assistance as a stand in clerk and helping Gina with a few items. I would also like to thank Connie Sanders for accepting the role of Vice Chair for another year. Also, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their continued support over the last two years and for voting for me to continue as Chair for another year, we look forward to continuing to improve our village and community with the help of all our parishioners.

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