

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year, I have decided to keep my report succinct.

The Parish Council meets on a monthly basis, usually on the second Monday of the month at 6.30pm in the village hall. Advanced notice together with the agenda is posted on the PC notice board and PC website, with draft minutes following in a similar fashion as soon as possible thereafter.

Whilst any issues affecting the village are discussed, regular agenda items include planning applications and highways matters, particularly potholes !! There is an ongoing issue with blocked drains and culverts on Fawsley Road, which is likely to continue to feature as the problem requires regular maintenance, which is not currently being delivered. However, Councillors are working hard with West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) to try to resolve the problem.

I am very grateful for the support and hard work of my fellow Councillors, all of whom are volunteers who give freely of their time, together with our three Unitary Councillors, especially Councillor Rupert Frost, who is extremely diligent and helpful and who has already developed an excellent working relationship with the Parish Council. I would also like to express my thanks to the Clerk, Ruth Scott who is the only paid professional within the Council. Ruth was appointed less than two years ago and has already gained the prestigious CiLCA qualification, which has positive benefits to the way in which the Parish Council is able to operate.

In May 2025, local elections will take place and there will certainly be a number of vacancies on the Parish Council. Therefore, if you wish to have a say in what happens to your village, you can do so by applying to become a Parish Councillor. If insufficient candidates stand for election, there will be no Parish Council and the village will come under the direct control of WNC, so any local voice will be either be greatly reduced or even lost completely.

Please remember that the Parish Council exists to serve the community of Everdon, so your interest and support is extremely important. We strive to keep "Unity in the Community".

Kevin Nichols
Chairman
Everdon Parish Council

24th April 2023