

Chairman's Report 2026

As council chairman it is my pleasure and responsibility to thank our clerk Jennie for the very excellent way she has managed our parish business during the last year much extra work has been created with all the planning details that had to be completed Thank you JENNIE very much

Port one have kept in touch during the snagging problems we have had and although it has gone on longer than we hoped I am sure we are all grateful for what they have done The development that port one are working on has been a subject of considerable worry to all the parishioners in the village and consents for this are beyond our level but I hope that our comments will be considered

Your council has had the required number of meetings and council members have given their apologies

if unable to attend

I would also like to thank councillor Keen for her stirring work in organising the hire of the village hall and putting in the bits and pieces to make it feel efficient

I am sure she has enjoyed letting the new hall Thank you Linda

This year we have seen an increase in the number of parishioners attending our meetings and they have put forward useful comments to the councillors for their reconsideration

The difficult spot again this year has been the opening of the new gateway at the top of church hill in valley road we had a very serious complaint from a parishioner and this was passed on to the relevant authorities and to date we have not had closure on this matter

The village play area is reviewed as the possibility of moving this to another play area opposite the village hall and I thank councillor Andy BROWN for his work on this project

Speeding traffic through our village has also been a concern especially the bottleneck on leather bottle hill we have reported this and hopefully something will be done pound lane is still a problem with HGVs taking a short cut this too is being looked at

Our new village hall cleaner has started work and although they have had a bit of a muddy start they seem to be doing a good job

There are now several small plots of land in the village and I am sure that our parishioners will wish that we make sure that any development is in the correct format

I have been a councillor for It blakenham for about 60 years and I think the time has come for me to stand down I thank you all for your tolerance

Wally Binder