

Chair's Report - Parish Meeting May 2023

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2023 parish meeting.

For those of you the don't know me, my name is Neil Read and I have lived in Ingrams Green since 1993, I join the parish council four years ago and having done two years as VC I recently took the Chair over from Simon Barnard who has sadly decided to step out of the parish council for now, and will be greatly missed.

To continue with Simon's very successful new format of last year's Parish meeting which was so well received, and for those of you that weren't here rather than a sit down meeting it was decided to have a more informal evening with local organisations and clubs having a stand so they can discuss with interested parties what they and provide. This also gives you the opportunity to meeting my colleagues on the council as well.

So a few headlines from the last 12 months.

- Having established the fete last year to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee, and this year to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd the feedback have been very positive and we would like to build on the success of the last two year and make the Village Fete an annual event, and we will be asking for parishioners to join us in building on the last two years.
- We have completed the refurbishment of the phone box in Stedham which is now in local information centre and we have plans to do the box at Iping which will house an AED for that end of the parish.
- We continue to improve and update the play equipment in the village and this year the target is to install a new climbing structure on the common view play area.
- We planted five flowering Cherries on common view, this was not our intended site however we were thwarted from our original plan to put these down The Street by some cables.
- The afternoon tea club has been launched and while the uptake has not been as good as we were hoping for we will keep trying to entice parishioners to join us at future events.
- The newsletter is proving very popular, and we are looking at increasing the number of pages so for any of you who would like to contribute please get in touch.

So enough for me time to circulate and have a drink.

At the end are there any questions and then thank everyone for coming.