

Mayfield Parish Council 2023/2024

Firstly, I would like to thank the current and former councillors who stepped up and expressed the hope of doing something positive and constructive for the parish ahead of last year's elections.

It is a powerful thing to voluntarily give your time and energy to the community you live in with a view to benefitting others, and I would like to personally thank those who started on this journey with that in mind, but have had to step down, for varying reasons, along the way: Mr Turner, Mrs Watkins, Mr Keeling, Mr Cotton and Mr Russell.

It saddens me that I, too, have had to step down from the council, but I am hopeful the remaining members will be able to drive some welcome improvements for the benefit of residents.

I'd also like to thank all the current councillors who are taking on various projects on behalf of the council, particularly Cllr Boura who is volunteering as Acting Clerk and Cllr Stephenson, volunteer Acting RFO, as well as the council's Lengthsman, Cllr Woodhouse, and committee chair and member, Cllr Green.

Anyone who would like to find out more about the role of a parish councillor can contact the Acting-Clerk for details. There are currently two vacancies open for co-option and a third casual vacancy has arisen due to my own resignation at the end of April.

The staff of a parish council have a key role to play and I acknowledge, with thanks, the work of former Clerk, Mrs Ginny Gibson, and the efforts of the parish litter picker, Jarad Clarke, who has done a sterling job over the last 12 months as always.

It has been a varied year and this council has received invaluable advice and support from many organisations and individuals, including ESBC's Monitoring Officer, the team at Staffordshire Parish Council's Association and our internal auditors.

Looking ahead, the council has budgeted for and agreed a number of projects for the parish, which aim to provide visible improvements and boost community spirit.

These include perch seats for the bus shelters, roadside planters and Christmas lights.

It is my hope that these projects will come into being over the next few months and I would encourage residents to engage with members of this council and share their thoughts and ideas for future projects in the parish.

Natalie Wakefield,

Former Chair,

Mayfield Parish Council

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