

2022 Annual Parish Meeting

- 3 years since last APM and quite a lot has happened in that time
- 2 councillors have left and 4 new ones have joined and we expect a fifth to join tonight. This means the Cockshutt Ward has a full complement, but Petton sadly has not provided a councillor for its Ward.
- Covid only interrupted our proceeding for 3 months at the start of the pandemic in 2020 and we then went to meeting by Zoom which we did for 8 months, restarting face to face meetings in May 21
- In the summer of 2021 we published and distributed to every household our own Parish Plan, which is also on the PC website and intended to review it every year, but recent events precluded this happening so I am hopeful that we can do it this year and any comments you have on would be welcome.
- So what have achieved on the ground?
 - Reviewed & commented on many planning applications
 - Maintained street lighting with gradual conversion from Sodium to LED lanterns
 - Grass cutting all the green space at and around the Hall and started hedge planting in the Jubilee field
 - Built a large patio adjacent to the Village Hall which was 50% funded by the Hall
 - 2nd VAS sign installed
 - Remedied flooding in Parklands, the Jubilee field & Wimborne cottages
 - Pushed SC for the Deadman's bridge parapet repair
 - Contributed funding to maintenance work in the Church burial ground
 - Persuaded SC to approve funding for a 30mph speed limit at Willow Brook
 - Ensured that SC adopted the road and lighting in the Meadows development
 - Pursued a 20mph speed limit outside the school, so far without result
 - Saved our telephone box for another 4 years
 - Produced "Your Parish Matters" 3 time/year
- We have a number of projects in hand to improve facilities in Cockshutt such as
 - Dog waste bin by the telephone box
 - All weather shelter between the children's play ground and the football field for use by all
 - Provided funding for essential maintenance work in the children's play ground
 - Providing funding for felling of a dangerous tree in the football field
 - Providing a bench seat on church green adjacent to the footpath and the layby/bus stop.
 - Repairing a finger post at Kenwick Park
 - Possibly some street names
- On the Jubilee field we obtained quotes to install a traditional tarmac car park but the cost was prohibitive so we are considering alternative solutions. We are discussing how best to proceed with the MUGA, but in the meantime we will continue with our hedge planting and plan to create a wild flower area over half of it which will start off by stopping mowing the area this summer and then a hard cut in the autumn followed by wild flower seeding which we hope will provide a good show of flowers next year.
- Finally we have done all this without increasing the precept (what people pay) for 3 years, thanks in some part by the receipt of CIL money.

