

2023 Annual Parish Meeting

Introduction by Chairman

- In the last year we have been joined by a councillor representing Petton Ward-Penny Inglis. Penny is no stranger to us, she was the chair person for a large part of the development of our own Parish Plan. That means for most of the year we have been up to our full strength of 8 Parish Councillors
- We published our Parish Plan in summer 2019 and issued it to every address in the Parish. Since then, Covid and other issues have resulted in us not reviewing it as regularly as we perhaps should have done. As it is valid for 5 years from the date work started, this year, 2023, is the year when it should be thoroughly reviewed and re-issued if we think it is a valuable document.
- At last year's Parish meeting I said that we had a number of projects around the Parish that we were planning to see through during the coming year. I am pleased to say that we have:
 - Installed an all-weather shelter between the playground and the football pitch complete with concrete floor, seating and a waste bin beside it.
 - 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 a concrete base on church green adjacent to the footpath and the layby/bus stop.
 - Funded and manned the Beacon for the Queen's Jubilee at Petton
 - Installed a dog waste bin by the telephone exchange
 - Installed a new 3 panel notice board at Petton in the layby near the lane to the church. There is a panel each for the PC, the Church and an unlocked one for members of the public to use.
 - Completed hedge planting around the field fenced lengths at the far end of the Jubilee Field.
- We are planning on planting wild flowers on part of the jubilee field in the month but importantly are now looking for new projects for this financial year and although we have a few ideas we would welcome suggestions from Parishioners, please.
- We have of course continued with the routine upkeep tasks, like street lighting, grass cutting, verge maintenance where it impacts on pavements, cleaning the bus shelter & phone box.
- We have taken advice on the existing Jubilee Field proposals made in 2016 and have been advised that main areas of expenditure will no longer attract grants to fund their construction. Environmental based projects are more likely to secure what little funding there is around at the moment. Councillors Joy Harrison & Simon Lewis are setting up a new focus group to develop some affordable ideas and they want to reach out to parishioners, not only join the group, but to hear people's suggestions.