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CHAIRS MESSAGE

I am pleased to be re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council and thank all Councillors and residents for their support to me and the Council.

The last few years have been some of our most successful and we're always looking forward, doing whatever we can, however we can to support our community.

The Council are on the lookout for two new Councillors and we encourage residents to contact us to find out more. It is a very rewarding honour to be able to stand up for your community,

I want this message to be a reminder to residents to stay safe, look after one another and please contact your local Councillors for advice or support wherever you need it.

Cllr Martin Holyoake

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Could this be you?

Enquire with the Clerk, details below.



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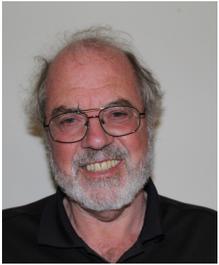
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BRONZE AWARD

Proudly supporting those who serve.



A Civility & Respect Pledge Council

At the Council meeting on 5th July 2023, Rodington Parish Council pledged its support for the Civility and Respect Campaign.

As part of a nationwide campaign across the local government sector, we have committed to continue to treating everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors and council staff courteously without violence, abuse, or harassment.

Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused. Any behaviour, whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable and will be handled by the appropriate authorities if necessary.

The zero-tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication, including on social media.

The council considers threatening behaviour to be:

- Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff.
- The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff.
- This policy applies throughout all Council Meetings, but it also applies to any Councillor or Council Staff away from Council Meetings.

For more information on the Civility and Respect Project please visit;

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our.../civility-and-respect-project>



WELCOME CLLR HAYEK



Councillors and the Clerk welcome Cllr Tereza Hayek who, at the Council meeting on 5th July 2023, was co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor for the term ending in May 2027.

Cllr Hayek has management level experience having worked at organisations such as Harper Adams Uni, Citizens Advice, Sheffield Hallam Uni, Bath Spa Uni and Hull City Council.

Cllr Hayek also volunteers as a trustee for a local charity where she supports the senior management team, having strategic and governance oversight of the charity.

Residents can contact Cllr Hayek using the details in this magazine.

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES

Join a multi-award winning local council and help shape the future of your community!

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council has three vacancies for Councillors and if you live in the Parish, are over 18, a registered voter and have the passion to help your community then this could be just for you!



MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Please feel free to contact a Councillor or our Clerk to find out more about the role and commitment of being a Parish Councillor.

rodingtonpc@gmail.com or visit **www.rodingtonpc.org.uk** and click on **Parish Council > Meet the Team > Become a Councillor**

UPDATES ON ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council met with the Road Safety Team Leader and Highways Technical Engineer from Telford & Wrekin Council on 20th June 2023.

The Parish Council presented all the suggestions for safer roads in this Parish that have been made by local people through the Transport Working Group and online Road Safety Survey conducted in Feb-Apr 2023.

This meeting was very encouraging, and the Parish Council had the opportunity to discuss all options in detail, we expressed that we feel our roads need to be safer and better respected and raised many points about how we feel that Telford & Wrekin Council should go about achieving that.

We are now awaiting the first draft designs of a road safety scheme that Telford & Wrekin Council's highways team are developing and these will be consulted with residents at the nearest opportunity.

POLICING MATTERS



We are continuing to remind residents to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters. This is your way of receiving direct updates on police matters in your area.

Please visit www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk to sign up today or speak to one of your parish Councillors for a sign up slip.

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MONITORING THE HEALTH OF OUR RIVERS...

There's been a lot of press over the last few years about the declining state of our rivers and streams with water companies copping much of the blame (although it's worth noting that Severn Trent is the only water company in England and Wales to get the top environmental performance rating for the last 2 years).

Part of the issue is that laws on what can and can't be released into rivers have been rolled back over recent years and this has been made worse but cuts to vital services like the Environment Agency, Natural England and local authorities. This makes it much more difficult both to identify polluters and to deal with the causes of the pollution. With 2 rivers coming through our parish, the Roden and the Tern, the Climate & Nature Group decided that we wanted to do something about this. Some of the group had noticed that visibility in the rivers has declined in recent years as well as the amount of wildlife using them.

We are therefore really pleased to be able to announce that we will be working with Shropshire Wildlife Trust to monitor the quality of water in both rivers using citizen science. With some equipment provided by them we will be starting a monthly programme of testing for key pollutants to build up a picture of how the rivers are faring.

We will test as the rivers come into the parish and again as they leave the parish. We are not expecting that pollution sources will be coming from within the parish, but this will help the relevant authorities work out where any problems are coming from. Also, by testing monthly, we can highlight any problems and patterns in the changing results. For example, if we always get a problem after high rainfall, there could be a nearby sewage works overflowing that can then be looked at.

We would love more people from the parish to get involved in this project. The project will begin with a session at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall from 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th September where Pete Lambert from Shropshire Wildlife Trust will talk to us about the state of our rivers (including a focus on the Roden and the Tern), what issues affect water quality in rivers, how we can all help and then finally how this project will come together. The talk will be free to attend, so please do come along.



PLASTIC-FREE COMMUNITY AWARD

The Climate & Nature Group are considering applying for Rodington Parish to become a plastic-free community through the Surfers Against Sewage scheme. We are currently taking on quite a lot of projects though, so are hoping that there are residents who would like to help with this project. The main area we need help is for someone to work with us to contact local businesses (Rodington Business Park, the pubs and the farms) to help them reduce their plastic use and/or support them to find better ways of recycling the plastic they do need to use.

If this sounds of interest, please email the Parish Clerk on rodingtonpc@gmail.com



St. Bartholomew's CHRISTKINDL

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German Style Christmas Market

Tony's Special Mulled Wine

Super Christmas Hamper

Children's Lucky Dip: Cakes

Christmas Tombola : Gifts

Traditional Food and Drinks

Robert's Famous Bacon Butties

Saturday, 25th November 23

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Longdon-upon-Tern Village Hall