

Yattendon Parish Council

What a wonderful Jubilee weekend the village had! A huge thank you must go to everyone involved in the planning and running of both the fete and the jubilee. It was certainly a weekend to remember!

Each May, the Council must hold its annual meeting at which a chairman is elected for the duration of the municipal year. Gordon Robertson, in his absence, was elected again, with Adam McCormack stepping up to take on the role of Vice-Chair. However, since this meeting, Gordon has chosen to step down from the council. Adam, as Vice-Chair, will take on the Chair's duties until the next meeting at which the election of Chair will be held.

Gordon Robertson was co-opted onto the Parish Council on 2nd November 2009. He took on the role of Chairman on 10th May 2010, remaining in this role until he recently submitted his resignation. Gordon has successfully led the council for 12 years, including through the recent COVID pandemic which involved the council learning how to run the meetings successfully online. The Council would like to thank Gordon for all he has done for the community in his many years in the post and wish him well for the future.

We hope you will have enjoyed seeing the results of the work that has now been completed on the Well House, removing the brick curtain, and creating open views into the Well House. A church pew has also been installed. The Council would like to thank Philip Bickford Smith for all the work he has done to ensure this project progresses. The Council would also like to thank Yattendon Estates and The Good Exchange for making donations towards this project.

At the last meeting, the Council made a donation of £280 to fund entertainment for the Jubilee lunch.

The Council has also agreed to purchase a speed indicator device jointly with Hampstead Norreys Parish Council. The two councils are currently applying for funding to cover half the cost of the device from West Berkshire Council's Member's Bid funding and are awaiting the results of this application. If this is successful, it is hoped that the two councils will purchase the device very soon.

Following on from Gordon's resignation, the council now has a vacancy. When a vacancy occurs, the council must first advertise the vacancy, which



allows an election to be called if 10 electors request this by contacting the Returning Officer at West Berkshire Council. The time span given for this expires around the time this issue is published. If an election is not called during this time, the council will then be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy on the council at their meeting on 8th September. If you would be interested in applying, or would like to know more about joining the parish council, please contact Sarah (the Clerk) at yattendonparish@gmail.com.

To qualify to become a Parish Councillor a person must be at least 18 years of age and be a British subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union and must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- Be listed on the current electoral role for the Parish of Yattendon;
- Have, for the previous 12 months, occupied land or other property in the parish, either as owner or tenant;
- Have, for the previous 12 months, had your principal or only place of work within the parish;
- Have resided in, or within 3 miles of, the parish during the previous 12 months.

The meeting dates for the coming year have been set as follows:

Council meetings: Thursday 8th September, Thursday 10th November, Thursday 23rd February (8 pm).

Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 19th April (7 pm).

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: Thursday 11th May (8 pm).

All meetings are held in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to join us. The agenda is published in the week leading up to each meeting on our website and on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall. The Parish Council website can be accessed at www.hugofox.com/community/yattendon-parish-council-13277/home