

Southorpe Parish Council **Annual Chairman's Report May 2024**

It has been another busy year for the Parish Council the highlights being:

- There was a very good turn out to celebrate the Kings Coronation in the village paddock.
- We have participated in Ward discussions regarding how best the villages in the Ward manage increase speeding. These discussions are on-going and are being led by Peterborough City Council's, Highways department.
- We continue to make progress with regards the Council's finances but there is still work to be done. The Council acknowledges the significant increases in the precept it has had to implement in recent years to achieve this which affect all parishioner's.
- We have secured more funds from Peterborough City Council's Community Fund which will go towards new picnic bench's for the village field and the repainting of the village phone box.
- It was pleasing to see the planting of the tree in celebration of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- The council has participated in a number of meetings hosted by the Highways Agency in connection with the A47 dualling and the restructuring of the A1 Wansford junction. The works for this have yet to commence and doubtless we will continue to represent the interests of Southorpe at future meetings.
- The Councillors nomination for Pip Parker to be receive a Civic Community Award was successful and Pip was celebrated at an event held by PCC on 5th March.
- The Council has fully participated in PCC's Local Plan survey.
- We continue to review all planning applications and have voiced our concerns with regards the three "call for sites" which were proposed as part of the Local Plan process.
- The Council has got behind the ongoing sewage and flooding issues that many residents have endured for years. Whilst it's pleasing to see some positive momentum to progress matters with all interested parties there is a long way to go to get a full resolution.

The recent uncontested Council elections have seen four previous Councillors re-instated and one new Councillor join the Council. The Council is in good shape to represent the residents of Southorpe.

Simon Little
Chairman
Southorpe Parish Council