

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been a frustrating year. All but one of the Council's Meetings have been conducted virtually, this makes debate and discussion difficult. However, the work of this Council has continued thanks to the expertise of the Clerk.

The Council has continued to take the actions required to ensure that it conforms to all the numerous statutory requirements. It was thus very pleasing to receive the report from the Internal Auditors which contained no criticisms – a great improvement on the previous year's report.

The Council's finances are sound, having a substantial surplus. The several planning applications that have been considered attracted no objection from Members.

Brian Spooner retired from the task of keeping the bus shelter and village green in good order; Jackie Spooner was appointed as his successor. Damage to the village green by large vehicles continues to be a problem. The Council is to consider several options at a future meeting.

After many years of service as Footpath Warden, Shirley Bishop has decided to retire from the post of Footpath Warden. The Council thanks her for efforts and is to determine its role in maintain local footpaths in good condition.

The Council has conducted a survey of the Hinderclay signs and has resolved to improve those that are below standard.

Suffolk Soaring has continued to use the airfield and requests a donation from the pilots of visiting aircraft. That money, £195 in 2020, is passed, without restrictions, to the Parish Council to be used for the benefit of Hinderclay.

Small Parish Councils have no duties and very limited powers. Having to urge District and County Councils to act for their benefit can add to the frustration but this Parish Council will do its best in the coming year. To that end, it has been decided that, at the September Meeting, inhabitants of Hinderclay will be able to join the meeting and voice their opinions on future plans.