

## **Chairmans Report – Naunton Annual Parish Meeting**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Thank you to all the councillors, David, Keith and Nicki and to Maxi, the Parish Clerk for all their hard work this year and making time to attend the meetings and do the follow up work that arises from these meetings.

The village continues to be a thriving community full of clubs, committees, charities, fun days and social events and long may this continue. There are far too many to mention and I would risk upsetting someone by missing them off the list!

During 2024/5 The Parish Council dealt with many regular activities such Planning Applications, Highways Issues, Flood Prevention, Recreation Ground, Budgets and Precepts and a number of other topics which are noted in the minutes of the meetings.

A summary of the year:

- Precept Increased
  - Further Flood Relief Equipment
  - Funds for a Speed Management Project
  - Playground Maintenance
  - Inflation
  - Maintaining Mandatory Reserves
- We continue to pay back the PWLB loan for the village hall. It is great to see the village hall being used so frequently for village events.
- The children's playground continues to be a great success and is well maintained. We may look to improve this year.
- The council investigated a 20mph limit in the village. It was decided not to pursue this avenue at this time due to costs and lead times. We are discussing other methods of speed management in the village similar to those in Temple Guiting and Ford.
- Village Hall Bench has been replaced – very well used and many positive comments
- Handrails installed from Village Hall to Pound.
- Baptist Chapel Bench installed.
- Increased usage of “Fix My Street” and “Report It” website by parishioners – quickest way to get problem fixed.
- If you have any suggestions for the council, please let us know and we can consider them at our next meeting. We do have some funds available and welcome any suggestions.

Next Year:

- Investigating the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan – setting up a sub-committee if the project goes ahead

- Recruiting a 5<sup>th</sup> Councillor to help share the workload and ensure meetings are quorate.
- Look into ways to reduce crime in the village as there has been an increase over the last 12 months.
- Website and e-mail upgrade

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