

Annual Parish Council Report 2022/23

There were 4 Parish Council meetings held during the year.

Iain MacGregor agreed to continue as Chairman in May 2022, however, due to personal circumstances, he took the decision to resign from the Parish Council in November 2022. A thank you to Iain's service to the Parish Council since October 2018 and Chairman since September 2019. Also, a thank you to Rebecca Clark who served as a Parish Councillor from December 2020 until May 2022.

The Parish Council welcomed Sue Rudge back onto the Parish Council in September 2022.

The Parish Council purchased and distributed mugs to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Parish Councillors considered local issues which included the bus service, and road conditions.

The Parish Council continues to look for an additional 2 Parish Councillors, as the Parish Council currently has only 3 Parish Councillors which is the minimum number of Parish Councillors to hold a Parish Council meeting.

Parish Councillor Nigel Wood has chaired the Parish Council meetings since the resignation of the Chairman in November 2022

Parish Councillors agreed the precept for 2023/24 will remain at £1K as Parish Councillors are conscious of the cost-of-living crisis which is having a financial impact on households.

Parish Councillors have agreed to organise a First Aid/ defibrillator training evening in Branxton Village Hall on 15th May at 7pm, which will also, be a fund-raising event to top up the defibrillator funds which will be used to purchase replacement pads and batteries, to ensure the defibrillator is available to save a life if needed. Everybody is welcome to come along even if you don't wish to take part in the training, refreshments will be available.

Finally, thank you to County Councillor Mark Mather for his attendance at Parish Council meetings and other events. He has offered his support and guidance on many issues including local road and footpath repairs and helped reinstate a limited bus service to the village to fulfil an identified need.