

Annual Parish Meeting May 2025

Combroke Parish Council

2024-25

Annual Report of the Chairman

Meetings

Across the year we have held 6 scheduled meetings plus a very brief session in June to cross the final T on our Accounts.

Meetings have been well attended by our Parish Councillors, District and County Councillors. We have been pleased to welcome residents to meetings, observe, ask questions and make comments.

Environs

We appreciate the good level of support the village continues to enjoy from the District Teams and County Teams... ..The Streetscene Team for the grass cut around the village verges; the leaf and debris kerb sweepers -and the very prompt removal of fly tipping. Thanks also to the always helpful teams on the refuse/recycle and food bin collections.

We feel very well supported by our Locality Manager and the Teams who attend to highways maintenance over the year - we've had a number of potholes and some drainage issues addressed this year - as well as those little things that matter - flushing the gullies, ensuring the grit bins are replenished for winter, and keeping the grass verge and hedges at the Fosse well trimmed in the summer.

And we know there are some great behind-the-scenes teams whose work back at base involves support for our village.

And just to add, we benefit again this year from a young person within Combroke choosing to litter pick as part of their engagement in the DoE scheme -Thank You.!@

Finance

I am pleased to report our financial position remains sound. With rising prices, our regular outgoings have increased and we did ask for a small rise

in the 2025-26 precept - the funding we receive from the District. This will affect a band D property by just over £1 a year.

The Leys - Fostering our Heritage

Has looked lovely in flower this Spring. We shall need to look at the area on the diagonal footpath towards the west entrance which had become very soggy over Winter and early Spring, likely groundwater rising - there used to be a pond thereabouts in the past. Contact will need to be made with County Ecology Services to seek their advice. Meanwhile the path is gently curving around the newly established watergrasses -and on firmer ground. With Many Thanks to Liz B who has been seen with mower on the paths last summer. We already have plans in place to review the drainage which was established in 2013 on the west boundary adjacent the lane.

And Finally, To all the Parish, District and County Councillors, and many others who have given their time and energy so generously to maintain and improve the life of the Parish:

A Big Thank You

The Parish Council could not survive without our Clerk, Gina Lowe:

Thank You Gina, For All You Do.

And thanks also to those many residents who encourage us to keep on...

THANK YOU

Brenda Rayson

Chairman

May 2025

I sit and wonder why I do it.

Could curl up at home 'n knit

Then, I look across this Lovely Village

'n know full well it's a wonderful privilege