

Chairman

Welcome to the APM 2022.

I have had to ask Google what the is the purpose of an APM and what part the Chair has to play. Apparently an APM is a legacy from the 'middle ages' when local councils didn't exist, and all decision making was carried out by meetings of the whole community, taking place in the Church vestry. This evening it is in the village hall.

It is now two years since the last APM, a period interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The parish community pulled together to shop, collect medications and look out for each other.

For me nearly every meeting is a 'school day', I need to research and prepare for the items on the agenda. I could not have got through all of these meetings and agenda items without the support of Catherine, the Parish Clerk, Darryl for sending out communications to the parishioners and my fellow Parish Councillors. Most of us having initially been co-opted onto the Parish Council, I can say that without reservation, each and every one of Parish Councillors are here to serve the community. For a small Parish Council, we have had a handful of complex and time consuming items on the agenda to deal with e.g.,

1. Housing Needs Survey – with an exceptional community engagement, returns of nearly 65%. The intention is to repeat this survey in the autumn 2026.
2. The approach by the North, the developer regarding a proposed 'exception site'.
3. Currently working on implementing an updated GDPR policy.
4. Parish precept; the increase should for 2022/2023 onwards enable the parish to keep abreast with maintenance and also in part support the village hall committee.