

Note from the Chair

The start of a new year gets us thinking about what we want to achieve in the coming year. Our new Clerk, Michelle Legg, joined us in January, which presents a good opportunity to review our Strategic Plan. It will also be great for Michelle to meet many of you at our Annual Parish Meeting on 4th March.

The projects that I'm personally looking forward to are the Sports Pavilion re-build – and the challenge of raising funds – and a new burial ground (news on this is coming soon). I'm also looking forward to creating the Art Trail. We'll shortly be inviting applications from local artists who can involve the community in creating exciting new artwork that can be linked with a walk around the village.

This year we'll continue to put forward the views of the council and our residents concerning all the new developments, whether that be the West Eynsham and Salt Cross housing, the A40 project or the Botley West Solar Farm. We've just heard that the Government has accepted the Botley West application, with the inspection to take place later this year. We'll keep you updated.

We've recently welcomed back Nick Relph as a Councillor. As always, we need more Councillors so please get in touch if you'd like to give some time back to your parish. It's a great way to meet people and find out more about what goes on.

Finally, a big thank you to Richard Wilkins, our Deputy Clerk, who kept everything running whilst we waited for our new clerk to start.