

Dawley Hamlets Parish Council

Annual Meeting. April 2022

Councillor David Hopkins

Overview of the Parish Council.

- A well-run and positive Parish Council with a supportive group of Councillors who work well together.
- A proactive Council who have both instigated action and engagement within the Parish whilst also responding to the initiatives and concerns of residents.
- A well managed and financially responsible Parish Council.

April 2021 to April 2022.

The Parish council held it's last annual meeting via zoom but has been able to return to face to face meetings during the year. Covid is still a consideration but life is a lot more normal.

I feel that there continues to be a healthy balance of supporting a variety of local groups and initiatives in the Parish combined with maintaining our involvement with the day to day responsibilities of a Parish Council.

I am pleased that we have been able to play our part in the Parish with aspects such as the road network, local nature reserves, play areas and Rights of Way. We have also been engaged with areas that have a broader responsibility such as supporting agencies and organisations that provide social support and with our declaration of a Climate Emergency, an issue with global dimensions.

A Plan for the Coming year.

I think the challenges for the coming year will include many of the areas that we have already been involved with. In particular I would mention:

- ensuring we support and protect our local environment, both natural and built, by proactive engagement.
- a greater involvement in any developments with the roads infrastructure. These can have a significant effect on the lives of local residents
- continuing with the development of local facilities such as the local playgrounds.
- recognising the impacts of covid, economic and welfare issues, possible food and fuel shortages linked to global problems, climate change, etc and doing what we can to resolve these things at a local level
- a personal one: seeing some (any) progress with the proposals for the old Bridge Road in Horsehay.

I will conclude with saying that the present Borough Ward boundary changes will impact on us and any subsequent Parish boundary changes will also have an effect on us. I look forward to seeing proper and equal representation within the Parish wards.

Councillor David Hopkins. April 2022.