

Cllr Deakin

Annul Report

2021 - 2022

It's been a pleasure to be part of DHPC and working in the parish since being elected last May. It's been an eventful year and I have enjoyed every moment of it whilst learning the role of a parish councillor.

The first major highlight of the year was working on the memorial service at Little Dawley War Memorial. It was a pleasure to organise this alongside Cllr Barnes and I hope that Cllr Onions would be happy with the direction in which we took the service. I was very grateful that Rev. Jassica Casstillo-Burley was able to join us to lead the service. We were lucky to have Carys Williams play The Last Post live for us, leading the 2 minute silence and we had a vocal quartet from Deakin Music to sing during a time of reflection. It was a lovely service, thank you to everyone who was involved.

Over the last few months I have been asking for a new noticeboard to be installed in Little Dawley. I am pleased that this was approved by Parish Council. We will hopefully see this in Little Dawley in the very near future once planning permission has been obtained.

A number of residents have highlighted road safety concerns in the Aqueduct Ward, especially on Willow Bank. After being highlighted to the Parish Council I am pleased we now have patrols taking place at school times and have asked for Willow Bank to be a priority. Concerns have been raised regarding parking outside the 2 takeaways in Little Dawley. These have been passed to the local policing team who are going to make visits here at key times.

It was a pleasure to attend Aqueduct Primary school for the unveiling of their defibrillator which the school raised the money for. Well done to all students and staff for all of their hard work in securing this great piece of equipment for the community.

I have been looking at and asking for a discussion regarding allotments for the Parish, I am glad that this has been added to the agenda for the May meeting and I look forward to what may come of this in the next year.

After Cllr Barnes and I fitted the Little Library in Horsehay, after which there was unfortunately some vandalism. I removed the library so no further damage was caused. Since then, Cllr Greenaway and I have located an alternative place for the library (as discussed with the parish council) and Cllr Greenaway has sort permission to attach the library to the external wall of Horsehay Village Hall. Hopefully I will be able to take and fit this in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Sam Deakin
20.04.2022