

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020/21

Chairman's Annual Report

As the current Chairman of Narborough Parish Council I am pleased to Chair this year's Annual Parish Meeting, which is an opportunity for parishioners to raise any matter they wish in relation to our Parish.

It has been such a difficult year for so many, but it has been wonderful to see the sense of community that has come to the forefront since the pandemic began. Voluntary groups and organisations have worked extremely hard to support those who have been struggling to cope or who have just needed someone to talk to in these difficult times.

Narborough Library has just re-opened (initially for just two days a week) and continues to go from strength to strength thanks to the volunteer staff, while Littlethorpe Community Association is very active with new members despite the difficulties of the Village hall being closed.

The Narborough Station signal box (which is also pictured on the Chairman's chain of office) finally got a new coat of paint on 13 August last year. Work then started on the renovation of the Station Footbridge in the September and, despite a number of setbacks, was officially re-opened in a low-key event on the 18 February in its heritage colours of green and cream. My special thanks to the FONS group under the leadership of John Harrison for their sterling work with EMR in progressing these two items especially as the safety of our parishioners is now much improved!

The Parish Council Grounds Staff have worked continuously during lockdown keeping the cemetery and our parks and open spaces in good order. These spaces have been well used over the last year, even during the most difficult times of lockdown, where they have provided a calm green space in which to enjoy a daily walk.

There are several vacancies on the Parish Council, which means there is a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to become more involved in the community. It is an unpaid role, but it can be very rewarding. More details are available on our website or from the Parish Office, or why not join one of our meetings and see for yourself?

Finally, I must thank all our office staff, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Admin Assistant who have worked so hard during the pandemic. They ensured that all the aspects of running a Council were completed accurately, on time and (despite all the pressures) maintained a professional and cheerful outlook to all of us. I for one am extremely grateful to all of them.

With restrictions steadily being lifted we can now look forward to a better, healthier and exciting 2021.

Guy Jackson
Chairman, Narborough Parish Council