

BACONSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
15TH MAY 2023

Over the past year we have been continuing our efforts to keep the allotments used and tidy and all the plots are taken. Thanks must go to the tenants in their efforts to keep their gardens going in the difficult dry summer last year.

Cllr. Day continued with the defibrillator purchase and after a consultation in the Church and Village Newsletter, it was positioned at the bus shelter – the most popular site. We finished with a well-attended training session in the Village Hall. Thank you to Michael for all his hard work researching, liaising with Community Heatbeat Trust and arranging the training session. We are sorry that he has moved from the village and we will miss his enthusiastic contributions to the Parish Council projects.

We continued with maintenance of the play area, including new signage and top-up of the bark under the swing following the safety report. The large oak at the entrance needed work, which had to be carried out soon after the survey report. There will have to be more work done to reduce the crown to try and keep the tree alive and safe for a few years more.

We have continued to receive and comment on planning applications, including a proposed camp site on New Road which raised opposition in the village mainly due to the increase in traffic on a narrow lane. This application is still pending. We have also taken part in the Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal consultation and asked that Baconsthorpe be included in that Area. This is still ongoing and will be finalised over the next year by North Norfolk District Council.

Thank you to my fellow parish councillors for all their work over the past year. I am pleased to see that we have all been elected unopposed for another four-year term. However, we do have a vacancy on the Parish Council following the Election and if anyone is interested, could they please contact the Clerk.