

When we moved here from West Yorkshire almost six years ago, I did wonder how a blowin from up north, moving into a new build house where so few had been built recently, would be received. Very warmly is the answer.

The pride in our village is amazing and shows in the number of volunteers who actively arrange and take part in events. Many of these contributions are very visible here at the village hall and at public events such as the scrumpy stroll, litter picks, painting the playground equipment etc etc.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank all the people involved in these activities and also pay tribute to the not so visible volunteers. These are the people who collect litter from the sides of the roads on a daily basis, who maintain the telephone box containing the defibrillator and the flowers surrounding it. The gentleman who has maintained the pump in Church Lane, the gentleman who regularly cuts the grass at the entrance to the playing field, the team who sourced, erected and decorated the Christmas tree and the householder who supplied the power to it. We also have volunteers running the 50 Club. The Poor's Land Charity, the playing field and a snow warden.

Over time this army of volunteers naturally diminishes and we need to add more. Some people have expressed concern about motorists speeding through the village and have expressed interest in forming a speed watch group in conjunction with the police and highways. Again, this needs a number of volunteers to be effective. I have compiled a form for you to complete if you are interested in taking part in any of these activities.

I was co-opted to the Parish Council in November 2023 and elected as Chairman in May 2024. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their faith in me and to thank them for their support during the year. Soon after taking the Chair our Parish Clerk chose to resign. Finding a replacement clerk is proving difficult and I have therefore been filling in that role in addition to the Chair. Please let me know if you are interested in this role or know of any suitably qualified people who would be interested. The lack of a clerk is bad news in that I am doing two jobs, the good news is that we are not currently paying for a Clerk.

One of the ways I thought I could contribute to the Council was in the provision of simple financial statements of the Council finances. I have done this and have distributed an Income and Expenditure Account for 2024 and 2025. Some earlier years are also posted on the web site.

We are currently short of Councillors and I would be pleased to talk to anyone who is interested in joining us. There is a slot for this on the volunteer form.

# Your village needs you!!

I would be interested in volunteering to help Frithelstock:-

As a Parish Councillor

As a Parish Clerk

As Chair of The Playing Field

As Snow Warden

As a Speed Watch member

Name.....

Address.....

Email address.....

Phone number.....

Please hand it this to me tonight or email it to me at  
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