

PETTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRMAN – MAY 2026

I Stephen Rowe was re-elected Chairman for 2025/26 and Belinda Bulsing was appointed Vice-Chairman. The Parish Council has operated at full strength over the past year.

The Parish Council is notified by the District Council of all local planning applications affecting the Parish and has made strong representations of objection and concern regarding the proposed use of land to the rear of the Crowfield Rose PH as a travellers' site. We are grateful to District Councillor Nick Hardingham for regularly keeping us updated on this and other matters. We are also grateful to Councillor Matthew Hicks for briefing us on County Council matters.

On finance, we continue to operate well within our means. The precept which accounts for the Parish element of everyone's Council Tax bill has been kept at the same level for a while and the Parish Council's expenditure has been kept within budget. Earmarked sums out of surpluses accrued are largely and potentially directed towards measures that may assist with road safety and traffic speeds through the village. The Parish Council has obtained approval for another and alternative location for its Speed Indicator Device which will be on the A1120. A post is to be installed by the County Council and the Parish Council will consider buying a new Speed Indicator Device.

Two significant projects to improve two of the Parish Council's assets have been completed. Following replacement of the notice board, the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk has now taken place. As to its future use as a Parish amenity, we are open to ideas and suggestions.

As always, thanks go to fellow Parish Councillors for their continued interest and work on behalf of the village, and to the Clerk for his support and advice.

Cllr Stephen Rowe
Chairman of Pettaugh Parish Council

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