

My first month as Parish Council chair has been fast-paced and engaging. The Parish Clerk is diligently handling parish matters, including surveys and permits for riverbank repairs. River wall repair behind the South Street substation is being planned, with Northern Power Grid preparing to secure substations and powerlines and continuing to monitor their safety until permanent repairs can be made. Jayne and I are collaborating and liaising with relevant agencies to ensure smooth operations. A new Middle Green gate is expected in November to prohibit vehicular access to the green while maintaining pedestrian access.

After my election as Chair, a councillor vacancy needed to be filled. We welcome Steve Coetzer back to the Parish Council by co-option; his prior service as Chair ensures valuable experience for our team.

Join us for our first Parish Council coffee morning on Saturday, November 15th, from 10am to 12noon at Neville Crescent Community Room. Residents, and interested parties, can enjoy refreshments, learn about ongoing projects, ask questions, and discover how the Parish Council operates. As winter nears, we look forward to a number of village events including the Halloween trail and Christmas lights switch-on.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm in the village hall annex. Attendance is open to all.

Please note that the PC Clerk, Jayne Dunlop, can be contacted via gargravepc@yahoo.com.

Jayne's office hours are:

Tuesday: 10am to 3pm

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

Thursday: 12noon to 3pm (visits by appointment)

Claire E Cadman

Chair