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This is my first article of 2026 and this year promises to be jam packed with new and ongoing projects for the Parish Council. The end of 2025 saw the beginning of works at the substation on South Street with Northern Power Grid promising to keep us all updated with news and information on the ongoing works. They are making effort to keep disruption to a minimum in the village especially for the residents who live directly opposite the site. It is hoped that all of the necessary work will be completed by the end of February.

Our first meeting of the year received a presentation from Sam Watkiss of JBA Consulting about the nature of the river between the bridge and the former weir, the causes of the changes that have occurred in recent years and some ideas on how we can protect the river banks with repairs, alterations and modifications. In the coming months the Council will begin to make plans based on the JBA report and recommendations, and will consult the public as plans are formed.

The playpark needs some attention and Jayne has been liaising with various companies looking at repairs and potential equipment replacements to enhance the park and keep it a safe place for child and adults to enjoy. We endeavour to have the majority of these works completed by the Easter school holidays when hopefully the weather will be a little warmer.

Following on from the success of our first coffee morning in November we are planning a second one in March. When I have the exact date I will spread the word.

Lastly, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor to be filled by co-option. If you interested in filling this vacancy please email our Clerk, Jayne Dunlop at gargravepc@yahoo.com for more information. The closing date to apply for co-option is the 30th January 2026.

Stay safe and warm.

Claire