

Chairman's Report for Year Ended 31st March 2024.

Our year started with the commencement of our new Clerk's employment, and to say what a successful year he has made of it is an understatement. He hit the ground running, and could not have made a better start. He has continued to make many beneficial changes to how the council is administered, and to improve efficiency in delivery.

Over the year the council has continued to oppose large housing development, unfortunately without success, largely due to national planning policies. The council has continued to call for speed checks, but has not yet been able to achieve these on Seaside Lane, Sunderland Road and Thorpe Road, but will keep trying.

Over the past year the Council has held very successful community events for the King's Coronation and the Christmas tree switch on. Following on from these, a whole series of community events are planned for the current year.

Plans are in hand to promote greater use of Seaton Holme for both community and private hire.

Sadly, during the year we lost Stan Laws due to a road accident, and then Len Morton resigned after over twenty years membership of the council, the last seven years of which he was Chairman. I would like to place on record the Council's gratitude for his contribution to the Council's work. On a brighter note, we have welcomed Abi Dent, Richie Parker and Susan Gibbons to the Council, but are still two members short.

The admin team has now been strengthened by the appointment of Hayley Hall as Admin Assistant, now Deputy Clerk, whilst the caretaking staff has been strengthened by an additional caretaker to enable better cover for functions and events.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members for their support as well as a big thank you to Paul and his staff for making this year so successful after the previous year's difficulties.



Chairman of the Council