

Congham Parish Council

Annual Report 2021-22

Congham

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- This past year has seen Congham navigate through extraordinary times and significant changes within the Parish Council.
Our long serving Chair, Jeff Compton called it a day in March 2021 after a long and much valued tenure. I have found myself stepping up from Vice-Chair to fill his shoes and despite my large feet it has been a somewhat of a challenge.
Shortly thereafter, Kate Sayer, announced her wish to retire as Congham Parish Council Clerk. I would like to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to our community and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.
- In July 2021 we welcomed Mary White as our Clerk and, despite being new to this role, has come with a wealth of experience and has quickly proved invaluable.
Linda Grange returns as Parish Councillor to fill the gap left by Jeff Compton, having recently been co-opted. Linda has already taken on the mantle of organising the parish Jubilee celebrations.
- In this last year, the Council has provided financial support towards The Churchyard, Hudson's Fen Play Area and Grimston Cricket Club. We have continued to champion Congham and West Norfolk on behalf of the community.
- Over the coming year this Council is continuing to investigate the Poor allotment and make substantial improvements to our website.
The joint Neighbourhood Plan with Grimston, Pott Row and Roydon, having spent years in its formulation will be presented to the community for consultation.
Finally, after May, this Council must convene at a new venue for our meetings.
- The pandemic has continued to impact our lives although it has been much more preferable to hold Parish Council meetings in person rather than electronically. We have seen a welcome end to restrictions and hope that infection rates drop off dramatically as we approach the summer. However, global events also to test us not least with the Russian invasion of the Ukraine and refugee crisis as well as deteriorating implications from climate change.

CONGHAM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Parish Council Finances for the year 2021/22 are as follows:

Community Account	£3550
Savings Account	£8129
Total Reserves March 2022	£11679
Income 2021-2022	£6045
Expenditure 2021- 2022 (to be finalised at the PC meeting)	£7735

In conclusion, this Council will continue our work to keep Congham as prosperous, peaceful and beautiful as possible.