Stretton on Dunsmore
Annual Meeting
Monday 11th May 2026

Chairman's Report

It seems to be no time at all since I made the Chair's report in 2025 but in that time a great deal has happened. I would sincerely like to thank every Parish Councillor for their efforts and continued support in all ventures. This year we have welcomed Alan Abbey as Councillor. Alan was seconded in November following the retirement of Christopher Guerin.

As we do every year we work to promote a tidy and pleasant local environment with basic activities such as cutting the communal grass and supplementing Rugby Borough Council's grass verge cutting. The Parish Council has replaced bollards, carried out project work on both the Fosse way and Plott Lane recreation areas (Platinum Plott), planted flowers in the village gateway boxes and carried out weed clearance. The February litter pick this year was particularly well supported.

We have maintained and kept power to the streetlights, supported and improved the defibrillator (AED) installations, organised repairs to the accident damaged Bus Shelter on the Fosse, engaged with Knightlow School to create a new design for a mural in the bus shelter on Brookside, updated and repaired play equipment in the parks and increased the space for parking at Fosse Way field.

We continue to support the Pendulum and the Community Coffee morning in terms of a warm space contribution, supported the annual Summer Fete, Scarecrow Festival, Scout's Bonfire, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Fayre, and Christmas lights. We continue to operate a small grants scheme for village organisations and always welcome new initiatives. This last year we have supported local organisations with grants to the value of £6,500.

In addition to physical actions your Parish Council continues to lobby and engage with other local authorities and businesses to ensure they understand our needs and views. We continue to engage with Severn Trent over foul drainage, WCC over surface flooding, road condition and bus routes, RBC with reference to planning matters and enforcement. Taylor Wimpey with regard to the building of Squires Cross and Stonegate Ltd when the future of our only remaining pub was in doubt.

Over the winter a great deal of time was spent in analysing and responding to Rugby Borough Council's proposal for a future Local Plan.

Keeping a pleasant and well maintained environment is a continual task and my thanks go to the Clerk and Village Handyman for their work in making it happen each and every year on behalf of the community

Paul Gordon
Chairman
Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council