

## **Malpas Parish Council Chairs report 2023-2024**

It has been a privilege to be chair of Malpas parish council and to work with you all.

Malpas Parish Council committee has seen new members joining and old members departing. We are sad to see members leave, as their contributions have been invaluable to our community. At the same time, we warmly welcome the new members and look forward to their fresh perspectives and energy in continuing our work.

### **Working with the Clerk**

Working with the Clerk has been highly productive and beneficial for Malpas Parish Council. The Clerk's expertise and dedication have greatly facilitated our operations, ensuring that meetings are well-organized and that administrative tasks are handled efficiently. The attention to detail and commitment to the council's goals have been invaluable, contributing significantly to the smooth functioning and success of our initiatives. We look forward to continuing this effective collaboration.

### **Working with the Ward Councillor**

Collaborating with the Ward Councillor has been highly advantageous for Malpas Parish Council. The Ward Councillor's insights and support have been instrumental in addressing local issues and advancing our community projects. The involvement has helped bridge communication between the council and the wider community, ensuring that our initiatives align with residents' needs and concerns. We appreciate the Ward Councillor's dedication and look forward to continuing this productive partnership.

### **Monthly Parish Council Surgeries Report**

The monthly parish council surgeries have proven to be invaluable platforms for engaging with residents and addressing their concerns. These sessions provide an opportunity for community members to voice their opinions, seek assistance, and discuss local issues directly with council members.

Furthermore, the surgeries have served as a proactive measure in fostering a sense of transparency and accountability between residents and the parish council. By actively seeking input from residents and openly addressing their concerns, we can demonstrate our commitment to serving the community's best interests.

Changes to the location of surgery has also show a greater volume of resident's engagement.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to hosting monthly parish council surgeries as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain open lines of communication with residents and ensure that their voices are heard.

Over the past year, several significant developments have taken place in our community:

1. **\*\*Security Enhancements\*\***: In February, we successfully installed new CCTV systems to enhance security throughout the high street and carpark. This initiative aims to deter crime and increase the safety of our residents.

2. **Traffic Management**: A dedicated speed group has been established, comprising newly trained volunteers. Their efforts will focus on monitoring and managing traffic speeds to ensure safer roads for all.

3. **Neighbourhood Planning**: We are embarked on the development of a new neighbourhood plan. This plan will involve extensive community consultation to shape the future growth of Malpas, ensuring it meets the needs and aspirations of our residents.

4. **Parking Solutions**: Progress on the new car park, is well underway. This facility will provide much-needed parking space, alleviating congestion and supporting local businesses.

5. **Footpath 10** Malpas Parish Council has undertaken the construction of a new footpath to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility within our community.

We look forward to continuing these efforts to improve our community's infrastructure and quality of life.

Malpas Parish Council has awarded grants to the following recipients:

1. Malpas Minibus
2. Community Links
3. Jubilee Hall
4. Young Person Centre
5. Malpas Library
6. Community Church
7. Malpas Cemetery
8. Malpas Scouts

Malpas Parish Council has introduced new media initiatives, which include:

1. A new logo
2. A website
3. A Facebook page.

Malpas Parish Council is looking to undertake the renovation of the cross monument.

Road Traffic Management for Remembrance Day:

Malpas Parish Council has funded road traffic management for Remembrance Day to ensure the safety and smooth flow of the event. This initiative is part of our commitment to honour those who have served and to facilitate a respectful and orderly commemoration.

Malpas Parish Council has supported the Malpas Christmas Market and the King's Coronation. Additionally, we have established a Village Events Committee.

Michael Williams Chair Malpas parish council May 2023-24