

WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 2021/22

The year ended on a much brighter note with the ending of the National Coronavirus Restrictions and the village slowly coming back to life.

The village drainage problem finally concluded with all 32 affected properties that were found to have rain water flowing into the mains drain being rectified. This work was completed in November 2021, with the contingency of a water tanker being stood down in February 2022. Thus concluding the plan between Anglia Water and West Deeping drawn up in February 2021.

Road safety in the village has generally remained good along both King Street and the A1175 with no major incidents. There was a minor head-on collision on the bridge over the River Welland with the sign on the northern approach being knocked and turned around making it impossible to see when approaching from the south. It was noted, when being repositioned, that small or low vehicles such as sports or mini cars cannot be seen from either approach, this will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. The results of a survey on vehicle speeds through the village will be published shortly.

The water supply to the cemetery failed during the summer period and was found to be a rotting supply pipe from the adjacent property. The owners, who had kindly provided this water supply free of charge in the past, were understandably not prepared to pay for the repair. Investigations carried out by the Parish Council to install an independent water supply proved to be prohibitively expensive and were abandoned, so a water butt has now been provided for those attending graves to be able to draw water for this purpose.

Gravel extraction continues to be monitored by the Parish Council and discussions are ongoing for the monitoring of the forthcoming new extraction on the A1175 between the village and Molecey Mill that is due to start at the end of the year.

The village bus shelter is in need of extensive repairs / renovation. It has been decided to replace the existing one with a new one. Once the design and manufacture of this has been formalised, grants will be applied for by the Parish Council. Subject to funding being agreed, the work will then be carried out.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations are now in full swing with a number of events being planned for the four day extravaganza. It is hoped that there is something for everyone to participate in and enjoy.

**Cllr David Ward
Chairman**

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