**“Parish Council ~ Chairman’s Note December 2022”**

Hello everyone.

Well, the nights continue to draw in until the 21st December and then hopefully it slowly starts to get lighter again. We, like many other families are preparing for Christmas celebrations with family and friends and we are continually reminded of how blessed we are.

Vicar Mary has now moved on, so we are extremely grateful for those stepping in to ensure services continue to run and we are really looking forward to the Christmas services and hope to see many of you there.

The Parish Council met as usual in November and discussed a number of key topics some of which included:

The planned development of 66 houses at the top of Gaddesby lane was again discussed and we continue to wait for feedback from Charnwood BC.

As mentioned in my last note, the above development and proposed developments at East Goscote, Queniborough and Thrussington (over 1000 in total) has prompted local villages to join forces and the Parish Council supported a proposal to create a working group to see how they can jointly support each other in discussions with developers / builders across these developments with such topics as house types, road safety etc.

We have expanded our area for potential quotes for disabled access and other works from the village hall to the playing field and will continue to pursue this until we have the required costings.

We continue to await feedback from LCC with regard locations within the village for more trees on verges etc. As mentioned previously, for the new conker trees in the conker field have been agreed and we hope to be planting addition trees around the village playing field.

We are delighted that the additional speed sign has now been approved and ordered which means we should see one permanent sign on Station Road and one sign which will cover several locations on Melton Road.

We have finally received some information back from the Environmental Agency on the brook and whilst some work has been done, we are awaiting further feedback to see what else they and we can do.

We continue to fight the problem of inconsiderate dog walkers who leave dog poo around the village, despite free poo bags all around!

Finally, we at the PC would like to wish all Parishioners and their families a very merry, happy and safe Christmas, we look forward to seeing you at the annual tug-o-war and duck race and wish everyone a wonderful and blessed 2023.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall for more information see the village website or the PC notice board next to the Packhorse bridge, everyone is welcome.

Thank you ~ Martin Cooke (Parish Council Chair)