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

Hello everyone.

It has been a lovely few weeks since my last note, with the children at home for the summer holidays and some rather spectacular weather which I hope you have enjoyed without being too uncomfortable at the night time.

The Parish Council didn’t meet in August so there is little to report but, when we resume meetings on September 1st there will be several key topics to discuss, including the 65 proposed Housing Development on Gaddesby lane now on the Charnwood website under Planning Explorer application P/22/1168/2 and the disabled access to the Playing Field.

A few other general reminders:

**Church**: Unfortunately, Vicar Mary has decided to retire at the end of September so, the village will enter a period of having no vicar while a new one is appointed. It is hoped to continue with normal service schedule at St Michaels & All Angels in Rearsby almost every Sunday (11.00am) with a Sunday Mixed family service on the fourth Sunday each month, please try and support our local church it would be lovely to see you there.

We would like to thank Mary for all of her support and hard work over the past few years.

**Coffee Mornings**: Another reminder about the popular Tuesday mornings in the village hall (10:30 am to 12:00pm), it would be great to see you joining us over tea & biscuits for a chat about past, present and future.

**Dog Poo:** Dog walkers, please watch your dog, pick up its poo, bag it, bin it, it is your responsibility! Remember, you can report dog fouling direct to Charnwood BC at [www.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk) or 01509 634564.

Finally on a personal note, as some of you may already be aware, after many years on the Parish Council (the last few as Chair) I have decided not to stand for re-election in May 2023 and will therefore retire from the Council from April 2023.

It has been a very interesting and rewarding time with many challenges and opportunities over the years and I have thoroughly enjoyed most of it.

I also feel very privileged that the local community trust the Parish Council to manage the village structure and spend the precept wisely and therefore do not feel it necessary to attend the monthly Council meetings in the village hall.

I have worked with some very dedicated people over the years, and I feel we currently have an exceptional committed committee and would appeal to other parishioners to consider joining them as part of the team.

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)