

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2024/2025

The last report from the chair of Wiston Parish Council was 1st. May 2024

Wiston Parish Council have met and debated many issues since my last report.

Our phone box/defibrillator has had maintenance and repair.

The speed indicating device (SID) in Hole Street, presented us with many problems, and these have now been rectified, at a considerable cost. The presence of the two SIDs does seem effective and therefore worth the expense to keep them running.

The trees on the western side of Hole Street felled and cleared opposite Longbacks Cottages and the clearance of the vegetation on the footpaths, has made a great improvement.

We continue to liaise with Rampion 2, who now have moved further towards obtaining all the legal framework to commence the operation.

Looking forward, the current system of local government is changing, the consultation period having now ended, it seems probable that we will be under a new unitary authority with a Mayor for Sussex and Brighton. Designed to allow greater local control of local issues, it seems a loss of a District Council may make local governance for Wiston more remote.

I should like to publicly thank those many people who by their efforts, support and enhance this community, these include the Parish Councillors themselves, who give up some time and take care to make careful and considerate decisions. Our Parish Clerk, who skilfully manages the wishes of the council and the demands of all the external pressures. County Councillor Paul Marshall who has been a regular attendee at meetings. There are many others, and I appeal as I have done every year for people to step forward to become Parish Councillors, as we still have two vacancies.

Looking towards next week, Wiston Parish Council are proud to support the VE Day celebrations to be held at Fair Oak Farm on the 5th May.

SID GARNER 2nd. MAY 2025