

Painswick Parish Council Annual Report 2023 / 2024

As I write this report the current Council ends its term of office. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the Councillors that have given freely their time to ensure the very best for the Communities that the Council serve.

It has been a particularly difficult year for the Council as we have lost a dear friend and councillor, Rob Lewis, Rob served for over 10 years on the Council, having been Chairman of the Traffic Committee he assumed the role of Chairman of the Planning Committee, this is a very busy role as the parish have over 150 planning application to consider a year.

The majority of the Members will be returning after the uncontested elections, but the Council will have vacancies for a Ward Councillor in Edge, Sheepscombe and Slad, so if you are interested in serving your community, please contact the Parish Clerk.

During the year the Council has installed several Speed Watch Camaras in Painswick and plan to install one in Edge shortly, set up to EV Charging points in the Town Hall Car Park for Public use. The Council has updated its Emergency Plan, adopted a Biodiversity Policy and set up a Working Group to deliver a Management Plan. The Council has updated its website which can be accessed via www.painswick-pc.gov.uk

The Council and its community have continued to forge stronger bounds with our 'Friends' in Slavutyich, Ukraine. The Painswick Community Support Group continues to provide lots of regular events and the Friday morning gatherings (hub) are very well attended. The Support Group have provided the funds raised from the Community Lunches towards the purchase of a rebound goal post system for installation on the Recreation Ground. The Council continue to work closely with various partners and the Members are represented and active in most of the local organisations. The Council enjoyed their meeting with the children from the Croft School Council and adopted the Town Council Charter with Stroud District Council.

Finally, this is my last report as I am standing down as a Councillor having given 25 year service to the community, I would like to thanks all of the many Councillors that I have had the pleasure to serve with, I would also like to extend, on behalf of the Council my uttermost sincere gratitude to councils staff who work extremely hard to ensure that the council meets the highest standards.

Martin S Slinger

Chairman or Painswick Parish Council