

Hockley Parish Council Annual Report



2023

Report from Chairman

Councillor Barbara Thorogood

My year as Chair of Hockley Parish Council began in May 2022 and fast became a unique year full of surprises and events, some happy and some sad.



In June we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in many ways from lighting a beacon, celebratory church services and family fun day in glorious weather. Many more of our community held street parties, fairs, coffee mornings and gatherings all contributing to a beautiful and memorable day.

Sadly in September the whole country mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Many residents signed our books of condolence reliving their own memories of a much loved monarch. This was quickly followed by the Proclamation of King Charles III.

Christmas was celebrated with a Christmas Fair in the village with a brand-new light scheme, stage performances, stalls, Father Christmas and real-life reindeer. Another enjoyable day attended by many of our residents.

This month we have celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III, again we celebrated in beautiful sunshine with a family fun day at the Hockley Community Centre, the community joined together with street parties and gatherings. The Vice-Chair and I attended different events equally enjoyable at Apex Corner and Hockley and Hawkwell Day Centre on Monday to conclude a full weekend of celebrations.



Hockley Parish Councillors:

Barbara Thorogood
Sue Martin
Toni Carter
Mike Carter
James Hedges
Andy Macpherson
Adrian Eves
Brian Hazelwood
Andrea Styles
Eileen Gadsdon
Phil Meacham
Nick Boxall

Join our Team

The Parish Council currently has Parish Councillor Vacancies and would welcome applications from residents of all backgrounds and experiences to represent the community.

If you would like to apply the application is available on the website www.hockley-essex.gov.uk

Hockley Parish Council, The Old Fire Station, 58 Southend Road, Hockley, Essex. SS5 4QH

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The Council has continued to keep a watchful eye on planning applications within the Parish as well as awarding grants to local organisations: Rainbows, Hockley Community Centre and Hockley and Hawkwell Day Centre.

We have three defibrillators in the village at present and an additional defibrillator and bleed kit which is on order, this will be installed on the outer wall of the Old Fire Station. The Parish Council has funded two additional pieces of equipment which are currently being installed at Plumberow Playground.

The Parish Council are working in partnership with Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service providing Weekly Baby Weighing Sessions and Antenatal Classes at the Old Fire Station, a service that was not originally available in Hockley. The Parish Council has also installed an interactive screen which is an asset to community groups and Council Meetings.



In September we recruited a new Parish Clerk / RFO Karen Hawkes and a new administrative assistant. Both are full time members of staff and we wish them well at Hockley Parish Council.

We will continue to strive to improve the Hockley facility whilst still maintaining our village atmosphere.

In closing I would like to thank the Councillors, Staff, and members of our Community I have had the privilege and pleasure to work with during my year as Chair.

Thank you all for the support you have offered me during this last year, eventful as it was. The calendar of meetings is available below, all meetings are open to the public and we look forward to meeting and representing you.

2023	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	2023					
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Aug		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		Aug		
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Planning Committee meeting 6.30pm (additional meeting can be held if required)
Council meeting 7.30pm
Community Engagement and Events 7.30pm



Environment and Open Spaces 7.30pm
Finance and Governance 6.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting 7pm



Agendas for the meetings above will be available on the website and the noticeboard located at the Old Fire Station, 58 Southend Road SS5 4QH or on the website under the appropriate committee <https://www.hockley-essex.gov.uk/your-council/committees/>