

HACHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Retiring chairman's report May 2023

The year 2022- 23 saw the Parish Council involved in new initiatives and a change in emphasis in its work.

The parish council is consulted on every planning applications for developments in the village but there were noticeably fewer than usual during the year. For the last few years we have been involved with consultations and local meetings about the development of Sizewell C but in November 22 the government confirmed that the nuclear power plant will go ahead and our involvement paused.

The running of the council however did involve a considerable workload. We are fortunate to have secured the services of Lydia Kirk, an experienced and energetic clerk to the council and she steered us through an internal and external audit and the updating of our procedures. We launched a new website, published a newsletter for every household, we are assembling an email list to keep in contact with residents and we're trying to involve more people with the work of the council.

I think the future is bright for Hacheston. We're shaking off the effects of the pandemic, thanks to developments in the village the council has funds to enrich the lives of the community and there's a different political balance in local government. For my part after about 5 years it's time to leave. I should like to thank my colleagues for their support and wish Lydia and the councillors best wishes for the future.

*Adrian Revill*

*May 12th 2023*