

Chairman's Report June 2025.

To begin, I would like to offer my congratulations to our new Shropshire Councillor for Bayston Hill, Teri Trickett. Also thanks must go to Councillor Ted Clarke for all the years of dedicated service he has given to our village. It is good that Ted continues to give us the benefit of his experience on the Parish Council.

With the Council elections now behind us, it is now time to concentrate our focus ahead to the future and how we can continue to benefit our village and the residents.

The planning permission for the Pavilion project is still not forthcoming. Apparently it has been sitting in a legal in-tray since November last year. I hope the new Council will get things moving again. The good news is that, with RenewEV, we have applied for a stage two grant of up to 100K which, with our carbon neutral plans, the project more than meets the requirements for.

The May bank holiday VE and Community Day was a great success with the rain gods being kind to us. Could have been a tadge warmer though! I believe the Bayston Hill Juniors raised a goodly amount for their coffers, as did the Friends of the Glebe. Talking to the various stall owners and residents, the overwhelming feeling was this should become an annual event. The presentation of the certificates to deserving members of the community was also well received. A big thank you is due to the organising committee of Chris Teckoe, Sammy and Julie Hodgkiss for all the hard work and time that goes into the organisation of such an event. Thanks also to the Councillors who helped out on the day.

Finally, a meeting of the Friends of the Glebe, myself, representing the Parish Council, and Councillor Trickett representing the residents, was held with the recently appointed Archdeacon of Shrewsbury. This was to discuss the latest position regarding the Glebelands. A formal meeting of the Diocese Financial Board is due to be held on the 28th May. The Archdeacon promised to bring the notes of our discussion to the board at this time. We can only hope something good comes out of this.

Rob Ruscoe.