

## Templeton Parish Council

### Chairman's Report 2025

This has been a very productive year for Templeton Parish Council. First and foremost, I would like to thank Bev, our Parish Clerk, for all her hard work in getting the Parish Council compliant and functioning smoothly again. She has learnt the job from scratch and has worked vastly more than her paid hours to ensure the Council runs efficiently. Bev has worked tirelessly to reorganise the parish finances, precept and bank accounts culminating in a seamless audit this year. She has been a wonderful, cheerful and positive addition for both our community and Parish Council.

This year we have trained a team of our Parishioners to commence work on the Road Warden Scheme within the Parish. This will enable us to carry out small pothole repairs (which aren't the responsibility of the council) and general road maintenance. By becoming part of this scheme, we will have priority funding for our lanes and insurance cover from Devon County Council for parties working on the road. This also gives us access to funding and grants for repairs and also to restore the historic Devon sign fingerposts in the village.

We have joined the Parish Footpaths Scheme which gives us additional funding to preserve and maintain our footpath network in the village.

We now have a Snow Warden 'Frosty' otherwise known as Sara Stone. Sara has put together a Snow Plan and has a page on the Parish Website which will be informing people of the village plan for inclement weather.

The Telephone Box is well on the way to completion, huge thanks to Reg Coffin and Don Plumb for all their hard work on restoring it. On completion, we will create the 'Templeton Telephone Exchange' for books, plants or gluts of fruit and veg. There was also a suggestion of having 'pop up coffee mornings' on the village green using the telephone box as a base. There will be a page on the Parish website dedicated to informing parishioners as to what is available in the exchange and events happening.

We have investigated bringing back the market bus from Templeton to Tiverton and, if demand is great enough, they will add a stop in Templeton. We have also provided more alternatives for community transport options on the Parish Website.

Going forwards, I have been asked about providing a village pond, more facilities for younger members of the community (such as communal

play areas), community litter picking, greater speed awareness on our lanes (especially where the children walk to the school bus) and, as always, improved roads and passing places.

Finally, thank you to our team of Templeton Parish Councillors who have worked to keep the wheels in motion this year. The meetings are always in good humour and enjoyable as District and County councillors have noted.

All in all, we have a fabulous, thriving and active village which is a joy to live in.

Laurel O'Brien

Chairman Templeton Parish Council