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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

The year began with the AGM at which Councillors elected me as Chairman and Councillor R Walls as Vice-Chair which was duly accepted.

As a Parish Council we have tried to address issues of potholes, blocked drains, traffic through the Village and contentious Building Plans. We have had Members of the Public attending some of our meetings which we welcome and appreciate their participation.

The Parish Council have made the usual donations for the upkeep of the Burial Ground, the Friendship Group, the Village Hall and we also made a donation to the Compass Magazine. I would especially like to thank Rose & Edward Harrison along with their Gardener for their hard work and wonderful transformation of the garden outside the Village Hall which was funded with a donation from the Parish Council.

We have again requested 3 skip visits, 2 at the Village Hall and 1 on the Hollybush Car Park, hopefully they turn up on time at the right venue for this visit!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karine Aspin one of our Borough Councillors for her diligence and attendance at our Parish Council Meetings.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and advice and to thank our Clerk David Croxford for his support and hard work and to let him know that we greatly appreciate all that he does

## Salt Neighbourhood Watch 2023/2024.

The role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has really been superseded by Staffordshire Police Smart Alert which emails details of scams and incidents in the area and also the village What's App and the Salt and Sandon Facebook are extremely useful in keeping everyone up to date and watchful.

Having discussed this with the Chairman of the Parish Council, it is felt that it is useful in retaining a person in the village who villagers are able to contact should the need arise. I am happy to remain in that position.

Fortunately, Salt is classed as a low risk area but we should never be complacent.

Chris Gammon.

April 2024

Appendix 2

## Report from Salt Church May 2024 to Salt & Enson Parish Council

The Church has organised a variety of social and fundraising events during the last 12 months, which have included lunches, Murder Mystery nights, a summer fete with a fun dog show and coffee mornings with cake and produce sales. These events have been highly successful and enjoyed by all the villagers who attended them.

Salt Church porch has continued to be used as a community facility for the delivery of villager's bread from Parkside Bakery and as a collection point for food for the House of Bread, Stafford, to which villagers have made very generous donations on a weekly basis and for which House of Bread have been very grateful.

Trent Lane Burial ground has been kept in its usual excellent state by TGM, thanks to the donation towards its maintenance costs from Salt & Enson Parish Council.

The new format & presentation of Compass were received in a very positive way by the residents of Salt, who greatly value its distribution. We particularly appreciate the help from the villagers who have volunteered to help distribute the magazine. We would also like to pass on our thanks to the Parish Council for their kind donation towards its publishing.

This report summarises much of the work of Salt Church, but not all, as so much goes on behind the scenes. I would particularly like to mention the Churchwarden, Janet Stubbs from Hopton, who works so hard. Without her dedication, Salt Church and the village community would be all the poorer.

This is a report from the Secretary to the PCC