



ANNUAL REPORT – 2023/24

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

This is my annual report as Chairman of Tibshelf Parish Council, and I am pleased to report on the highlights that the Parish Council has achieved in the first year of a newly elected council. Firstly, can I say what an extremely productive first year it has been with so many events and projects taking place. The Parish Council is privileged to have a team of hardworking and dedicated staff, a group of enthusiastic and committed councillors and some great volunteers who have all diligently worked together and carried out this important work.

As Parish Councillors, we are volunteers who work hard in the background to organise and provide services. Much of this work goes unseen, but with reports like this, hard work can be recognised and promoted.

Key Achievements and Activities

In terms of Tibshelf Parish Council as an organisation, we welcomed 11 councillors to the Parish Council last May and due to a resignation, we also undertook a co-option process. We are proud to announce we have been awarded the Foundation Award from the Local Council Award Scheme which recognises the excellent work we do and that we operate lawfully and in accordance with standard practice. To support this achievement, we have introduced new policies & procedures including a Complaints Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Volunteers Policy, Environment & Biodiversity Policy and adopted a Parish Council Emergency Plan, and to acknowledge our willingness to continually develop and make improvements for the benefit of our residents, we have a Council Business Plan which sets our objectives and plans for the forthcoming years. Councillors are now accessible via councillor's surgeries and we created the Tibshelf Neighbourhood Watch.

We consulted the public and undertook a S.106 Project survey this year. The feedback received has been used to make substantial improvements to the Parish Sports Ground and we have been granted authority to spend approximately £160k of the S.106 money on new play equipment. This money had been held by Bolsover District Council since the new housing developments were built and had not been allocated. The Parish Council has worked tirelessly with our new District Councillor and a District Officer to ensure the money was spent, avoiding the possibility it may have been returned to developers if not spent by December 2024, which would have been a significant loss to the village. We passed the ROSPA equipment inspection and undertook treatment to various trees. We have also initiated a project group to look at grant funding to build a new sustainable pavilion. A new Public Space Protection Order will now apply under which dogs must be on leads and cannot go on market sports pitches on the parish sports ground. We also registered the titles to the land owned by the Parish Council with the Land Registry. A successful £5,000 grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner means Extreme Wheels will hold sessions on the parish sports ground every week until October.

We have also helped those in need by approving a School Holiday Activities Scheme aimed at children on free school meals and continue to hold the winter Warm Bank to help those to save money on heating bills.

Community Events

During this council year, we were able to hold much-loved community events once again. We were delighted with the King's Coronation event that saw the whole community come together last May. We also put on an incredible fireworks display, as well as the annual Remembrance Sunday parade and service, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Lights Switch-On, Parish Carol Concert and New Years Eve party. Through our management of the Village Hall, we have seen new regular events, including the popular Sunday Bingo nights. We also put up several displays in the village, including summer hanging basket display, Remembrance poppies and Christmas lights.

Tibshelf Village Hall

As trustees of the Village Hall, we are always working on projects to improve the facility. We were delighted to have successfully applied for a £20,000 grant for a new floor and have bought new chairs, light fitting, blinds and have also approved the decorating of the hall, which will start in a few weeks. Our next plans are for the purchase of new tables, better disability access and seeking grant funding for a new kitchen. We are also looking at improvements to the outside space and, following last year's maintenance to the car park which included the new tarmac and remarking of the car parking space, we have embarked on a joint project with Tibshelf Green Bunch by adding a new purpose-built planter at

the bottom of the car park, and are planning improvement works to the ramp area. Regular community and evening events now mean the Hall is generating more income from both bookings and the management of the bar facilities. We are pleased to say the village hall is in financially good shape, the best it has been for many years.

Grant Funding to Local Groups

The Parish Council gave out grants to local community groups, including Tibshelf Community First Responders, St John the Baptist Church and Tibshelf Scouts & Guides. Donations were given to Tibshelf Band, Peak 4X4 and Alice’s View Children’s Home.

I would like to remind you that residents are always welcome to attend the regular Parish Council and committee meetings and can raise any matter/concerns during the 15 minute public speaking period. Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm, excluding August. Our latest agenda and meeting minutes, as well as 5 years’ worth of archived agendas and minutes, are always available on our website. Our Facebook pages and noticeboards will always promote the latest information.

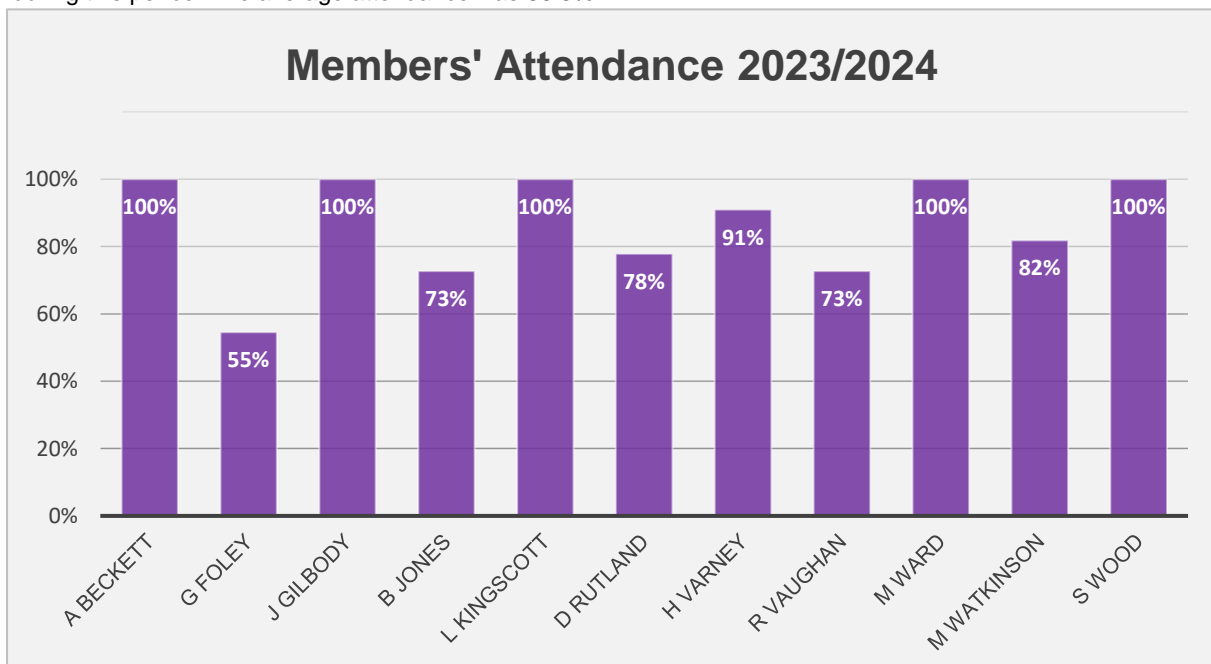
I would like to again thank all councillors, our dedicated staff and volunteers for their support and help over the past year and we will aim to continue to work hard to serve you, the residents of Tibshelf during the forthcoming year. Without this incredible teamwork and commitment, many of the achievements covered here would not be possible.

Best wishes, Cllr Allison Beckett

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MEMBERS’ ATTENDANCE MAY 2023 TO APRIL 2024 There were 11 ordinary meetings of Tibshelf Parish Council during this period. The average attendance was 86.5%.



Reasons for absence are typically work commitments, family commitments or illness.

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