Looking back over the last year there are still projects from 2021 which have not been completed as we would have wished.  A lot of effort has been made but the unforeseen difficulties we have experienced have caused delays.

Beeston Road Pond Renovation

Due to the contractor's other commitments and delays in our obtaining the necessary licence for the removal of silt this project is now planned for autumn this year.  There are also time constraints because of the weather and the preservation of the wildlife.

New Trod at the East End of the Village

Delays have occurred due to Highways requirements regarding the width of the trod, the width of the existing verge and the positioning of the Village gates.  Negotiations are ongoing with the adjacent land owner to utilise a strip of his frontage.

Village Survey

The reforming of the survey due to a change of intended use and difficulties arising with GDPR compliance have delayed this project.  We are still hopeful it will be distributed before too long.

WHAT’s BEEN ACHIEVED

Face to face meetings throughout

Village sign renovation - thanks to a talented volunteer

Some remedial work to ditches in Litcham Road thanks to a helpful farmer

Review and amendment where necessary of all Policies and Procedures in         accordance with good practice.

Installation of a Clothes Bank on the Bottle Bank Pit.

I would remind residents that we receive income from the recycling of clothes, bottles and paper and cardboard so the continued or even increased use of this facility is important to Mileham.

Organisation of a successful litter pick with 9 volunteers.  Equipment provided in conjunction with Breckland Council

Matched a £300 donation from Breckland Council for the Village Jubilee celebrations.

ONGOING

Regular use of shared SAM2 Speed Camera

Playing field and Bottle Bank Pit grass cutting.

There have been complaints regarding this matter.  I would point out that the Playing Field comes under the auspices of a Mileham Charity.  As this Charity has no income the Parish Council undertakes the grass cutting.  However the cost amounts to more than 25% of all our expenditure which is why there is a limit on the number of cuts per year.

Monitoring and reporting of potholes and road surfaces

Working with Norfolk Flood Agency to try to alleviate future flooding

Working with our County Councillor regarding school transport.

NEW PROJECTS

There has been some welcome movement regarding the Old School site and the School Playing Field.  We are embarking on discussions with Norfolk County Councils Legal Team and the Charity Commission regarding our definite wish to obtain a controlling interest in one or both of theses sites.  However, if we are to be at all successful it is likely that suitable volunteers, in partnership with the Parish Council, will be needed to take the project forward as there are likely to be significant financial and commitment issues to resolve.

We are considering improving the website but this will depend purely on the time available.  As again we are financially and time constrained regarding our Clerk's input.

We are also investigating whether the purchase of a projector and screen to display documents and charts at our meetings will be beneficial to Councillors and member of the public who attend out meetings.

Lastly, I’d like to thank our Clerk, Lorraine Trueman, the Parish Councillors who do an often thankless task generally behind the scenes and of course those members of the public who turn out and contribute to our meetings.