## 2024/25 Chairs report for Mileham Annual Parish Council Meeting

This year in terms of councillors and clerk has had a year of stability. We continue to have two vacancies and are hopeful that we may fill these this year.

This year we have been trying to continue and complete projects which have been incomplete and inherited, whilst continuing with our aims and ambitions for future, remaining within our budget and resources.

This year we moved significantly forward with the Free School Charity thanks to Cllr Nick Clowe for pushing forward with this project and all the obstacles which needed to be overcome. This no doubt aided the successful transfer of the trustee status to the Parish Council as named trustees. Although the Parish Council are now trustees the meetings and plans for the charity are discussed and planned at the charity meeting and not at Parish Council meetings as is the case for other charities where the Parish Council are also trustees. A report from the charity will be shared today.

The Parish Council have continued to support other charities in the village and have successfully been able to ensure we are represented on the Playing Field Charity which we feel has been a positive step.

As a council we have continued to ensure the best interests of the village are considered with planning applications and other developments which have presented this year.

We continue to share a SAM2 sign to encourage drivers to slow down through our village, this needed to be repaired this year. The PC are continuing to plan to have our own sign which we hope to update on next year.

We purchased a memorial wreath as planned for the church and have plans for a village Christmas tree this year.

Clair Councillor Haswell has kindly made sure residents informed by writing and submitting our article in the Church and Village magazine. Clair also has continued with the weekly checks of the defibrillator. Thank you so much Clair

Finally, I would like to thank all our supporters, District and County Councillors who help guide us and keep us informed, members of the public who join our meetings to raise important issues and who bring ideas to the table and to all our councillors and volunteers who give their time.