



Chair's Monthly Newsletter – September 2022

The passing of our Queen has of course been a time of great sadness, but also of reflection and celebration of a wonderful life, one of unwavering devotion and service to her family and people.

At the Parish Council we have followed our protocol as part of official arrangements and will be writing on behalf of the Parish to express our sincere condolences to the Royal Family and Royal Household.

On a lighter note, the Platinum Jubilee celebrations earlier this year were an opportunity to mark seventy years of the Queen's reign, funded with the generosity of the National Lottery. Our own personal memories and other commemorations will be especially poignant now, but it is a blessing that the Queen was able to celebrate with the nation in June.

At our October meeting we will be discussing budget setting for 2023/2024, reviewing and prioritising our commitments in a time of high inflation. As ever it will be a case of adopting a prudent approach. The challenge will be to maintain the current level of services and facilities for the parish, whilst ensuring the Council's finances and reserves remain in good order to meet unforeseen contingencies.

As ever we welcome members of the public to join our meetings, in addition to which we have vacancies which can currently be filled by a process known as co-option. Please do speak to me or Sarah if you would like to know more.

Jan Rees, Chair, on behalf of Slindon Parish Council