



# COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Clerk Report: April 2023 – Philippa Potter

- I am very pleased to report that the Parish Council has received a full house of nominations for the upcoming election, and all 14 seats have been returned 'unopposed'. This means that there is an uncontested election for both our North and South Wards. This has brought us three new Councillors, who will take office with those established Members who are returning for another four-year term.
- Therefore, we must say goodbye to Cllr Nick Unsworth, who has not stood again for CPC as he has moved out of the parish. I would like to thank Nick on behalf of CPC, for all his years of service and hard work for the parish and community, and we wish him well in his new home.
- The 'new' Parish Council will take office on 9 May, and the first meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, being held on 15 May.
- Work-wise, things have been very quiet recently, as we have been in the 'pre-election' period for the past month or so. Therefore, we have mainly been doing a fair bit of 'behind the scenes' sorting out of files and admin.
- Prior to the pre-election period, we received a Councillor Community Grant from Braintree District Council (BDC) for the provision of two new memorial benches which will be placed in the new cemetery areas. These benches will be able to hold a number of memorial plaques, purchased by residents in memory of their loved ones. The benches will be installed very soon.
- We have also been assisted by the wonderful volunteers from Coggeshall in Bloom, who have helped us to re-plant the flower beds at the front of the War Memorial on the Recreation Ground. I must extend my huge thanks to everyone involved.
- The Parish Council have once again entered into the Coggeshall Scarecrow Trail, which is being held at the end of May. This year's theme is 'movies', so watch the market square for our effort!

**Philippa Potter**  
**Parish Clerk**  
**12 April 2023**