

Belvoir Parish Council

Chairman's report

2023-24

In the last 12 months we have continued to focus on improving our financial planning and control. This year's audit has identified further areas for improvement which will be resolved in the near future

Road safety continues to be a top priority for us. We have purchased a new radar speed sign to be installed on Denton Lane Harston with a change of sighting for the Radar Speed Sign to make it more impactful to speeding motorists.

Large Belvoir Estate events such as Forbidden Festival continue to be a source of nuisance to Parishioners and Belvoir Parish Council has been involved in influencing a recent license application to increase the number of ticket holders from 15,000 to 25,000. The Licensing Hearing agreed a maximum of 22,500.

The Belvoir Estate continues to convert Belvoir Properties into Children's Care Homes in several Vale Parishes which is a major source of concern to local residents.

In response to both of these developments the Vale Parishes, including Belvoir PC, have formed the Vale Parishes Group as an influencing body. The VPG has now been recognised by MBC and event organisers and is actively participating in and influencing all significant Vale developments. The VPG will be an important unifying influencing body for the foreseeable future

The Village Hall continues to search for new income streams and has been advised by the Belvoir Estate that there would be no issues in renewing the lease.

The Parish Council has continued the program of improvement to Belvoir Parish assets many of which have been neglected.

The War Memorial stonework has been successfully repaired

Street lighting – we have continued the program of replacing our street lights with low power LED lights – we will replace at least two per year as our finances dictate, to reduce our electricity usage.

Inflation of maintenance costs remains a major concern to us in the current economic environment however we hope to see improvements by the end of 2024.

I have decided that I will retire both as Chairman of Belvoir Parish Council and as a Harston Parish Councillor effective at the 2023/24 AGM in order to enable fresh energy, thinking and ideas to address the challenges facing the PC in the future. I wish the Parish Council well in achieving this goal!

Peter Carr

Belvoir Parish Council Chairman