

**Annual Parish Meeting 24 May 2022**  
**Chairs Report – Cllr Widdison – Normanby by Spital Parish Council**

Over the last 12 months Normanby-By-Spital Council has gone through a transition period of much change. I, myself joining this Council in September 2021 and being elected as Chair within 6 weeks of joining. At this time, there were only two original Councillors, Firth and Creek that were still in office due to multiple resignations from previous Councillors.

We began forming a new Parish Council. Firstly welcoming Councillors Elliott and Moulson in November along with councillors Martin and Clinch in December.

This new Council consists of members with varied skill sets, a more diverse age range and backgrounds which all contribute to being more representative of our community.

During this formation of our new Council we have dealt with various challenging issues, all of which we have overcome. This year we appointed Julie Haycraft as our new Clerk. Julie is an asset to our Council and has seamlessly rectified the Accounts and produced our AGAR report to high standard.

I wish to thank Julie and my fellow Councillors for their hard work and dedication.

We are rebuilding our relationship with Owmbly-By-Spital Parish Council, it is crucial for us to work together, especially as we own joint assets for the community. Gone are the days when it may have been known as 'Them and us!' We may be two separate Councils however, I believe we are one community.

One of the important tasks to address in the last twelve months was the re-writing of a new Terms of Reference for the jointly held Community Park. This enabled a new committee to form, giving them more guidance and formality. They now have the security to fulfil their aims for the community with the full backing of this Council. We are thankful to all the volunteers involved in running the park and wish them every success in the coming year. The Park is always looking for new volunteers.

As a Council over the coming year, we intend to review our Council Policies enabling us to move forward into modern times. With the use of Social Media, this will allow us to be more current and inclusive within our community.

Please remember as a Council we are here to represent our community. We encourage public participation at our meetings, which are well publicised on our Council website.