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What can I report on the past year, other than finally getting the Valley Flood Alleviation Scheme installed it has been one pig of a year, the worst since I became a Member of the Council, a year of transition, but things can and will only get better.

We have had the usual further development and development applications, two that your Parish Council supported plus one that we didn't. Out of these, at the present time, only one looks anything like acceptable. Main Street from the Cross East, and I'm told that eventually West, defies description although it will make the village a safer place gas-use wise. We have something very new to Leicestershire, a planning application for a Wind Generating Farm in the Parish. This is a Renewable Energy Project and so for obvious reasons the more acceptable face, to some, of providing that never ending demand for electricity.

Our mindless vandal population have cost you a considerable amount of money in the past year and we need you, our parishioners, to help prevent these really mindless acts, so no change in this area.

The Youth Club hardly seems to exist, by the number of youngsters that attend and that's a shame because it is you that provide the village hall, free of charge, for youth club night.

We have a new Parish Beat Bobby so nothing new there although I'm assured that Martin should be more permanent and hopefully allow him time to become known to both the good and not so good members of our parish, both large and small.

Our website which used to be visited by people from all part of the world is being reshaped and updated and should by now be much improved and again well worth a visit so give it a try. The address is on the back of the Parish Newsletter.

The I.T. Centre is still being well used, free of charge, especially by youngsters doing homework. Even this facility, like our Post Office, needs to be used if we are to retain it, so it's all up to you. You know what Central Government and Local Authorities are like, any excuse to cut costs by getting rid. One thing is for sure anything that we might loose will never come back. These services are not charities.

I would like to thank all of our Council staff for their dedication and hard work and for their part in keeping both the Parish and Parish Hall in pristine condition. They all work extremely hard and I appreciate it very much.

A thank you to all of our Parish Councillors for their dedication and hard work, at times, especially for those of use who don't have to work for a living. It can be a thankless job but then one that we choose to do.

Finally, a well done to both of our primary schools for improving and maintaining the standard of teaching they give to their pupils. Education in this day and age is of the utmost importance and very often, unfortunately, one that isn't realized until it is too late. Parents also play an important part in this education by taking an interest in all that their offspring do while at school. Education is a partnership.