

Annual Parish Meeting: Report from Borough Councillors

18th April 2024

1. We are grateful to the people of Sileby who turned out to vote last May and backed us to be their borough cllrs!
2. As well as updating residents on key issues and campaigns via our newsletters, we have run regular advice sessions and taken up individual issues and concerns where we could make a difference to outcomes.
3. Worked with key community organisations such as the parish council, community library, churches, flood wardens, NHS mental health services, and with the county councillor representing Sileby.
4. Supported the Community Response to flooding of Sileby Brook throughout the winter, particularly 20th October & 2nd/3rd January as a result of the changing climate leading to repeated heavy rainstorms. Tried to give voice to Sileby residents' concerns about the failure of the statutory agencies to maintain the Sileby Brook channel and, so far at least, to take urgent steps towards strengthening flood alleviation to protect particularly vulnerable properties from internal flooding.
5. Brought in Charnwood's Planning Enforcement officers where appropriate to deal with:
 - a. surface water run-off from development sites at Cemetery Rd & Cossington Rd, and
 - b. inappropriate signage erected in the conservation area.
6. Started to make the case to the borough and county councils for infrastructure improvements to recognise the growth of Sileby in the past few years, with more to come, e.g. Safe Pedestrian Crossings petition campaign.