



# KEEVIL ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY MEETING 2025

## Annual Report of Keevil Parish Council for 2024-25



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## About Keevil Parish Council

We are the first tier of local government elected every four years. The Council making this report was elected in May 2021, and this covers their last term of office for the 2024-25 municipal year. In May 2025 several members retired, and the new council elected without contest will be co-opting to fill the vacant seats.

Councillors work hard to represent the interests of parishioners, support and protect the community, and improve the local environment. Although our powers are limited we try to squeeze the best out of the services available to us. Wiltshire Council and other bodies know that a Parish Council gives the best reflection of how a community feels about something, and its views should be taken seriously.

We meet in the village hall on the first Monday of alternate months, unless an extra meeting is needed (eg; to meet deadlines for planning applications). Members of the public are always very warmly welcomed.

Although Councillor volunteer their time they are holders of public office, not volunteers in any legal sense. They are bound by law and statutory duties, guided by a Code of Conduct and the seven Principles of Public Life, and as an employer must act as a corporate body. The governing documents that guide Keevil Parish Council are all available from the Councils website [keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/](https://keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/) or from the Clerk.

**Councillor Alex Goodwin** CHAIR 2024-25 | Personnel Committee, village hall rep, governance champion

**Councillor Geoff West** VICE-CHAIR 2024-25 | School liaison, planning, defibrillator, Rights of Way, Personnel Committee

**Councillor Paul Adams** planning, Community Emergency Volunteer

**Councillor Fran Banfield**

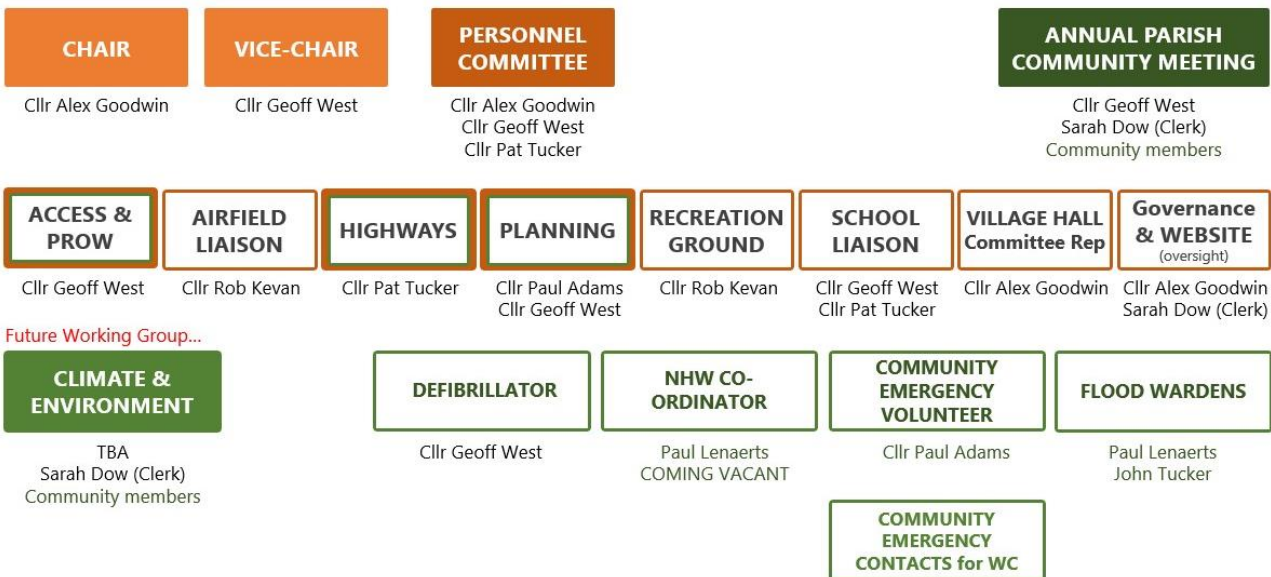
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## Council Portfolios and Representations 2024-25



### NOTE:

Advisory groups of 2019 and amended 2022 are integrated into Councillor portfolios. Public engagement remains warmly welcome at all times, and actively sought on a case-by-case basis.

# The Chair's Report

Although my report is for the 2024-25 municipal year, it is also the final term of office of the Parish Council elected in 2021, and I'd like to also reflect on that.

A new Parish Council was formed after the May 2021 Election, with only two sitting Members remaining from the administration that preceded it. It is a credit to them all that they have remained with the Council for the full term - this stability has created a strong working environment that has fostered informed robust discussion leading to healthy, democratic decisions. As we come to the end of our term of office Members can look back with pride on their achievements.

It seems like only yesterday the council had its first meeting in St Leonard's Church with social distancing and mask wearing in place. It was a busy first year, pulling together as a team and supporting one another through a very demanding period. Everyone worked hard: Cllr Pat Tucker took on Highway, verges and footpaths, Cllr Rob Kevan the Banfield Recreation Ground, and Cllrs Fran Banfield and Rodney Meatyard contributed insight regarding rural matters and rights of way.

One of the first challenges was the lifting of the Government's emergency measures under the Coronavirus Act 2020, which meant we could no longer conduct Council meetings online, St Leonard's Church helped the Council deal with that difficulty safely.

An delayed statutory Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the preceding 2020-21 financial year, which would normally be brought before the Council for approval in May or June but which, for various reasons had not been submitted, was completed. The Council was most grateful to David Finch for his professional guidance and support of the Clerk and Council at this time, also strengthening the Council's financial controls. It is good fiscal prudence for any Council to seek External Audit when there is change in financial management, and this was undertaken.

By the end of the first year, we had reviewed our core policies and brought them fully up to date with the latest Guidance from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and Local Government Association (LGA) Models. Another area we were able to make improvements was in our working practices as an employer, with the implementation of a Personnel Committee to ensure a proper system of staff management, development, appraisal and support.

Our incumbent Clerk/RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) resigned, explaining that he had found clerking for three councils too much and was dropping two of them. At the time, there were difficulties across the Public Sector recruiting for Clerk and RFO positions, and in the interim we were indebted to Cllrs Sarah Dow and Rob Kevan respectively for taking on these roles (for which, as councillors, they were not paid). Volunteer Minute-taker Barbara Lewendon ensured our meetings continued to run smoothly, and we also welcomed Olivia Adlam to the team as our new Internal Auditor.

After two years of Covid restrictions, it felt the time was right for a more community-led approach to the Parish meeting. We wanted to celebrate just how much Keevil has to offer and showcase the groups and people that make this such an amazing place to live, work, and raise a family. Hence a very successful meeting was held on the Recreation Ground and we were blessed with good weather.

In the second year of the Council's term of office Councillor Rob Kevan and Councillor Sarah Dow put in an immense amount of work and demonstrated exceptional efficiency as the interim Clerk and RFO.

Moving on from the effects of the Pandemic we were able to hold all Council meetings in public. The statutory Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the 2021-22 financial year was completed in good time, which meant we met our statutory duties for the Exercise of Public Rights. We continued to work tirelessly improving our work practices in all areas of governance, building a strong foundation of policies and guidelines in line with modern best practices.

A key point in the Council's third year was the appointment of Sarah Dow to the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Sarah had performed, in an exemplary manner, the role as the interim clerk alongside Rob Kevan as the interim RFO. Her attention to detail and work ethic served the Council well and her appointment has provided a backbone of experience that will only be good for future councils.

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## The Chair's Report (... continued)

Mr Paul Adams was co-opted in November 2023 to fill the vacancy created by Councillor Dow following her appointment as Clerk/RFO.

Councillors attended the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils Annual Conference in Market Lavington in June of 2023 leaving with a realisation that Parish Councils all face the same challenges. Furthermore, and following a useful informal evening hosted by Bulkington PC late in 2022, Keevil Parish Council hosted a productive follow-up meeting in July for members of Steeple Ashton, Great Hinton, and Bulkington PCs, and including Keevil's Emergency Volunteer team. On the governance front all councillors completed GDPR training, and Members continued to review, update and introduce new policies in line with the latest guidance and best practice.

In accordance with wishes expressed at the previous year's APCM, and despite a somewhat circuitous path the Coronation Commemoration plaque has at last joined others in the wall at Stocks Green; our thanks go to Mr and Mrs Gough for their support and permissions. A portrait of King Charles III was also obtained under the government scheme to provide public authorities with a free portrait of His Majesty the King and, with the permission of the Village Hall Committee has been hung in the Village Hall.

The Council has encouraged more open contact with the Wiltshire Constabulary and welcomed our Neighbourhood Police Team to several meetings. The Council was privileged that the Chief Constable Catherine Roper accepted an invitation to come and speak at an open forum. She reflected on her first year in office and discussed a variety of local policing matters with residents.

Our village community really outdid itself in a five-day weekend of commemorative events for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Landings, an event that involved Keevil Airfield and remains in the memories of many residents. A huge effort by everyone that outstripped anything else in the area!

Finally, I must thank Councillors Rodney Meatyard, Francis Banfield, Patricia Tucker, Geoff West, Rob Kevan, Sarah Dow and Paul Adams for their hard work, good humour and common sense in the every day workings of Keevil Parish Council, ensuring the Council has done its very best for the village and its residents.



## About the Parish of Keevil

There are currently around 190 rateable properties and 366 electors.

Between May 2024 and April 2025 there were 12 planning applications (excluding those for works to trees in a conservation area). The Parish Council objected to three, two of which have been 'called in' and are awaiting next steps. Wiltshire Council as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Approved (with conditions) all others except one, which was Refused.

## Vice-Chair's report

Attending the WALC Annual meeting last year was useful in helping guide our update of Village Planning Policy, with further considerations once a new Wiltshire Local Plan is in place. The re-siting of the Defibrillator to the Village Hall has proved effective. Geoff West has volunteered to continue monthly checks and reports to WEBNOS whilst responsibilities are being passed back to the Parish Council. Poop bag stations in several village locations seems to have proved successful, with a marked reduction in complaints of dog mess; the Parish Council has committed to continue with the scheme. A big thank you to the volunteers who keep supplies topped up! Visits to Keevil School with Cllr Tucker have continued to be positive, and FOKS representation at Council meetings has proved especially helpful with insight into the Scarecrow Trail and other school activities shared at each meeting. We also welcome the school's involvement with other village events, and look forward to maintaining a shared sense of community.



## Keevil Airfield

Keevil airfield is now operated by the Joint Aviation Command (JAC) (in effect, the Army) following handover from the RAF (managed by RAF Brize Norton). Mr Mark Goodwin the Airfield Manager maintains regular contact with the Parish Clerk regarding airfield activity, and continues to support village events, most notably for last years DD80 commemorations with a static display of aircraft and a games day on the airfield. The focus of flying is now mainly rotary - Watchkeeper Unmanned Air System (UAS) was cut following a defence review and is not expected to operate from Keevil again. Nonetheless, the operation of other UAS's from the airfield in the future cannot be ruled out. The Bannerdown Gliding Club has also ceased to operate, and presently there are no plans to permit other non-MOD activity on the airfield (including motorsports).

Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) manage the estate on behalf of the MOD. Having been approached to assist with drain clearance to manage airfield run-off, in particular around the pond in Martins Road, DIO have declined as it falls outside the airfield boundary itself. This despite assisting with such works in the past, which is a somewhat disappointing outcome.

Updates can be found on the Village website at [keevilvillage.com/information/airfield/](http://keevilvillage.com/information/airfield/)





# Highways

The most demanding portfolio: Cllr Pat Tucker continues to achieve the extraordinary on behalf of residents through strong relationships within Wiltshire Council (WC) Highways and other stakeholders at all levels. Here's some highlights from this reporting year:

**Management of Parish Steward:** replacing drain covers, strimming and grass cutting, checking and clearing grips and gullies, filling potholes and making cold-lay repairs, and cleaning signs around the village. Tidying access to the Post Box on Main Street, clearing vegetation on corners and around stiles and footpaths to improve visibility. Removal of tree debris following damage by a large van. Pavement repairs on the corner of Martins Lane. Treatment of pavement moss.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW):** working with WC and the Ramblers to install two new access gates near Mere House, and landowners to repair stiles.

**Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group:** attending LHFIG meetings to secure funding for verge improvements on Main Street, finally completed at Easter.

**Wick Lane:** Tarmacking and resurfacing works, repairs to the Finger marker, pipe repairs to culvert near Mere Bridge making way for installation of new access gate.

**Keevil School:** Working with WC to find 18 extra places for Keevil School on the Bikeability scheme, and again to help FOKS obtain a license for planters in front of the wall.

**Public Waste Bins:** facilitating a replacement waste bin at the top of Butts Lane, sorting bin emptying when necessary, and, having organised the removal of the redundant phone box, working with Streetscene to replace and relocate the bin at Stocks Corner to the site.

**Drainage:** working with the Senior Drainage Engineer to assess the Main Street Brook then working with residents and landowners; liaising with the Flood Wardens and Gully Tanker. Investigation of surface water near the Old Chapel with flood wardens and Highways, linking a 2014 report by the Senior Drainage Engineer to a blockage of a pipe connecting the built-side ditch with the brook, leading to a homeowners mitigating 'temporary' measure. The situation continues to be investigated. A new drain has been installed outside Bluebell Cottage with further works to come.

**War Memorial:** minor repairs to posts around the site, followed by further repairs of damage to the posts caused by vehicles, after which the posts were repainted once again. Clearing leaves in time for Remembrance. The Memorial was professionally cleaned prior to VE-Day80.

**PLUS:** working with Cllr Jonathon Seed and WC engineers to address parishioner concerns at deterioration of the residential byway and junction path at Martins Lane. Facilitating removal of dead trees at the top of Main Street, also removal of an abandoned caravan and a dumped fridge, negotiating to prevent further tractor damage to verges approaching Pyatts Corner, liaising with Highways and organising SSE to check on trees growing near telephone lines, and further arranging for SSE trimming the Stocks Tree. Replacing the Bus Stop sign and post due to deterioration, and arranging verge marker and bollard repairs. Attending a local Police Surgery to discuss resident concerns about parking. Organising repairs to the road up to A361.



# Banfield Recreation Ground

Named in memory of the late James Banfield who was instrumental in the purchase of the land for the community, the recreation ground is owned by the Parish Council who hold ultimate responsibility for its maintenance, insurance and all matters related to land and equipment which is publicly accessible. The Recreation Ground has been used recently for the annual School Scarecrow Trail, School Sports Day, a DD80 picnic with children's games, and later this year will host the Keevil Roots summer music festival.

The **Community Shed** continue to maintain the ground, carrying out grass cutting and minor repairs to some equipment, at a current annual cost of £570. The Parish Council are extremely grateful for their efforts, and a service that is considerably cheaper and more regular than a commercial contractor.

The fencing remains adequate as a line of demarcation from the public footpath, and as a designated play area is a dog-free zone. There are occasional reports of dogs being exercised on the ground contrary to ban, although no evidence has been presented to the Council. A new fence for the length of the ground would costs  $\approx$  £3500; however, a replacement has not been pursued to date.

Following the demise and removal of one of the two springies it was decided to replace the play equipment with an in-ground trampoline. Funding for the purchase of the equipment (£4,400) has come from a Melksham Area Board Grant (50%), Keevil Parish Council and a donation of £500 from Friends of Keevil School (FOKS). The Keevil Community Amenities Trust submitted the Area Board Grant application on behalf of the village, and Dave Probert has kindly offered to assist with ground works and installation near the picnic circle as agreed with the Community Shed. The equipment is on order and expected late June.

The annual RoSPA inspection did not highlight anything significant and the ground and equipment is regularly inspected for general condition. Although there is little evidence in the use of the bike trail equipment, some items are slowly deteriorating and the bike see-saw was removed earlier in the year. A new safety notice was placed on the adult gym equipment. A Residents group has formed to look at the long term future of the ground so that it continues to be a space for everyone in the community to enjoy for many more years to come - a very welcome initiative.

## Community resilience, and the Community Shed

The hidden heroes of our community continue to work quietly behind the scenes - thank you especially to Flood Wardens Paul Lenaerts and John Tucker who, yet again, had their work cut out last winter, and continue to navigate Wessex Water, Wiltshire Council, landowners and acts of god to keep Keevil flowing!

And after several years of trying to retire from his role as **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**, Paul has finally handed over many of his duties to Liz Tyler – so this is a grand time to give Liz, Paul and all our NHW patch co-ordinators a huge thank you from all of us!

Keevil is lucky to have the continued support of its Community Shed, a dedicated group of volunteers who help look after our village, and we know we speak for us all in saying THANK YOU. The Community Shed doesn't just mow the Recreation Ground, they strim banks and ditches the length of Main Street, check and clear blocked drains where possible, and the Martins Road Pond, repair play equipment and organise the Annual Village Litterpick. This usually amounts to well over 500 hours across 50-odd sessions, but you don't have to turn up every week! The more volunteers, the lighter the work, do come and join in, an extra pair of hands is always very welcome! More at [keevilvillage.com/groups-services/community-shed/](http://keevilvillage.com/groups-services/community-shed/)

The Parish Council pays for the mowing of the Banfield Recreation Ground, and provides financial support for insurance and materials.





# Financial Report

## How we are funded

Funding for Keevil Parish Council, known as the precept, comes from your council tax and is paid annually by Wiltshire Council. The budget is limited and we are expected to contribute to the significant cost of many WC Highways and Rights of Way projects, and the full cost of all Parish Council elections.

## Bank Reconciliation at Year End (YE) March 31 2025

Lloyds Treasurer Account (Cash Account)	£ 667.87
Lloyds Business Account (Deposit Account)	£ 16,439.24
	<b>£ 17,107.11</b>

## Income & Expenditure

The Parish Precept for 2024-25 was £9.6k; our only other income relates to a small amount of interest and a wayleave payment. We spent £11.6k against our budget of £15.9k. All our business areas came in under budget, due in part to making sensible provisions, however, some expected expenditures have been delayed until the current FY25-26 – notably the Commemorative Plaque, new playground equipment, and verge repairs on Main Street. For the most part, these will come from Reserves. So, although we are in a sound financial position; with a precept in the 25-26 FY of £11.3k, a budget of £16.7k, overspend from LY and planned expenditure from Reserves, all of the money we have is ‘earmarked’, it is not spare.

## Assets & Earmarked Reserves (ERs)

Our Asset Register stands at £156k. Reserves - provisions for major works relating to the Banfield Recreation Ground, Highways, Parish planning, Election costs, and War Memorial preservation - were increased to £12k with the addition of a Legal costs provision. The delayed ER expenditure mentioned above, alongside planned FY25-26 spend means the Council will increase it’s build-back strategy to replenish ER levels.

## 2024-25 Payments over £100

14/05/2024	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils	£ 185.08
17/05/2024	Society of Local Council Clerks (CiLCA training)	£ 300.00
04/07/2024	Local Toilet Hire DD80	£ 168.00
04/07/2024	Event Insurance DD80	£ 197.00
04/07/2024	SALARY	£ 391.80
04/07/2024	Community First (Insurance)	£ 968.28
03/08/2004	SALARY	£ 489.75
05/08/2004	Wiltshire Council (PROW-Gates)	£ 238.75
29/08/2024	PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit)	£ 252.00
04/09/2024	SALARY	£ 391.80
04/10/2024	SALARY	£ 391.80
21/10/2024	Play Safety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection)	£ 146.40
04/11/2024	SALARY	£ 542.11
04/11/2024	Ross Hillman Ltd (Posts repairs at War Memorial)	£ 180.00
04/11/2024	Community Shed/KCAT (Mowing)	£ 510.00
03/12/2024	SALARY	£ 385.70
03/12/2024	Village Christmas Tree	£ 110.00
27/12/2024	SALARY	£ 385.70
28/12/2024	St Leonards PCC (S137)	£ 300.00
07/01/2025	Middleton & Upsall LLP (Legal costs)	£ 1,086.00
02/02/2025	SALARY	£ 467.78
24/02/2025	Keevil Roots (S137)	£ 500.00
24/02/2025	Village Hall (maintenance support)	£ 200.00
28/02/2025	SALARY	£ 385.70
09/03/2025	SLCC Membership	£ 110.00
09/03/2025	St Leonards PCC (S137, event support)	£ 100.00
09/03/2025	Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance (S137)	£ 100.00
09/03/2025	Keevil Community Amenities Trust (KCAT) (S137)	£ 100.00
27/03/2025	SLCC Training (CiLCA)	£ 450.00
31/03/2025	SALARY	£ 385.70
Total		10,419.35





# Grants & Donations - LGA 1972 S137

The PC cannot just spend on anything, it must have legal power to act. In the case of discretionary expenditure (such as litter bins, recreation facilities, supporting village hall running costs) it does have specific powers: Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 is there so that local councils can spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other discretionary statutory power The limit set by Ministry for Housing Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) according to the number of electors in the Parish.

Section 137 expenditure may apply if the expenditure is **“in the interests of and will directly benefit its area or any part of it and some or all of its inhabitants”**. The Council must be satisfied of a direct benefit to the parish or part of parish, or to some or all of the inhabitants, and is the body to determine whether or not such benefit will accrue. “some” means the power cannot be used to benefit a single individual. The council could however help an organisation to which an individual belongs, thus releasing funds for that organisation to help individuals. Examples of S137 grants and donations include village histories, plaques, prizes, flood relief, landscaping, flower shows, fundraising and community events, voluntary bodies etc...

Section 137(4)(a) Local Government Act 1972 [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/137](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/section/137)

Below summary of S137 donations over the last five years, and our budgeted expectations for the current FY. Village groups may apply to the Parish Council at any time throughout the year although the main budgets are set between November and January. See the Grant policy at [keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/](http://keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/)

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	FY 2025-26
<b>Donations</b>						
- Parish Magazine	100	100	100	100	150	150
- St Leonards PCC	100	150	150	150	150	150
- Keevil Community Amenities Trust	-	-	-	155	100	100
- Village Christmas tree	-	-	-	45	110	110
- Royal British Legion - Wreath	25	25	50	50	50	50
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance	50	100	100	100	100	100
- Alzheimers Support (Trowbridge)	50	-	50	50	25	25
- Music for the Mind	-	-	50	50	25	25
- Keevil School (FOKS)	-	-	50	-	-	-
- Bobby Van Trust	-	25	-	-	-	
- Wiltshire Citizens Advice	-	50	-	-	-	
- Carer Support Wiltshire	50	-	-	-	-	
<b>Donations sub-total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>710</b>
<i>Budget</i>	350	450	550	700	710	710
<i>Variance</i>	- 25	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grants</b>						
Jubilee Community event 2022			185	-		
Coronation Street Party 2023 (WI)				340		
Coronation Commemorative plaque				-	-	360
D-Day80/VE-Day80 Commemorations 2024/25				-	440	500
Community Shed insurance support				60	66	66
Church Midsummer event					100	
Other community projects (inc Roots 2025)				200	500	1,200
<b>Grants sub-total</b>			<b>185</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>2,126</b>
<i>Budget</i>			300	1,466	1,366	1,766
<i>Variance</i>			115	866	260	- 360

Governance documents are here: [keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/](http://keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/governance/) (completed AGAR for 2024-25 will be available shortly). See [keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/](http://keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/) for financial information reported at meetings.

# Welcome to the website of Keevil Parish Council

## [KEEVILPARISHCOUNCIL.GOV.UK](https://keevilparishcouncil.gov.uk)

As a Public Body, the Parish Council must meet statutory requirements of the Transparency Code 2015, plus ensure our website meets current accessibility standards, as well as proper practices set out by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG - now SAPPP, the [Smaller Authorities Proper Practice Panel](#)), in the **Practitioners Guide**. As expected, the 2024 Practitioners Guide took a much stronger line on the importance of using .gov.uk domains for websites and emails

The Council already planned to review hosting arrangements since the current plan no longer met our needs, and at the end of 2024 successfully applied to the Government's [Central Digital & Data Office](#) (CDDO) for a time-limited grant of £100 to help with initial domain name costs. The transition to new hosts [Cloud Next](#) was completed in December without any interruption to service.

New accessibility standard WCAG2.2AA became a statutory requirement in October: WCAG covers a range of recommendations for making web content more accessible to a wider range of people with disabilities (as well as more usable to users in general), on desktops, laptops, tablets and mobile devices. The 2.2AA guidelines varied little from 2.1AA and largely focus on touchscreens and mobile platforms. [Nine new criteria](#) were reviewed, the upshot being the PC website already complies with WCAG2.2AA.



## About the Annual Parish Community Meeting

The Parish Council must report annually on its activities over the last financial year (FY) at a Parish meeting which, although organised and chaired by the Parish Council, is a meeting of the people of the Parish, not a Council meeting. Parishioners can vote on agenda items and express their views on matters they consider important to our community, which helps the Council set its priorities and plan ahead.

Since 2022 we've worked hard to make it more of a community affair, with events both on the recreation ground and in the village hall – the first part of the evening is dedicated to celebrating some of the groups and people that make Keevil such an amazing place to live, work, and raise a family. Villagers can make the most of the opportunity to meet neighbours and get a feel for how our community clicks over a free glass of wine and some lovely cheese...

More here <https://keevilvillage.com/parish-matters/annual-parish-community-meeting/>





# THE BIG THANK YOU

So many people in our Parish contribute to the wellbeing of our community, often in a thousand ways that are not obvious, as well as many more that are in plain sight! ... including (but by no means limited to) ...

The villagers who Adopt-a-Drain and help keep them clear throughout the year; our team of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators; our Parish News editor and the team who see that it gets to us; the Keevil Village & Buzz website team, Facebook group admins and contributors; those who come to Council meetings and help us understand different views; our many village groups, clubs and committees who give up so much time to organise a thriving calendar of activity throughout the year; our Cricket team, our Community Shedders, our Flood Wardens and Emergency Volunteers; the team who erect the marquees; the farmers who help with salt bins and tractors, flails and other equipment when we need them; our bell ringers and everyone who helps keep our Church flourishing; who tend the plants at the War Memorial, the garden outside the village hall, or the flower border on the recreation ground; those who keep verges and hedges outside their home tidy, who park mindfully, who deal with their dog poo; walkers who follow our Country Code and designated footpaths across our farmer's land; those who turn up to the annual Litter Pick or just take a bag when off for a stroll; who clean the railings and village signs; those who've helped keep the defibrillator point ready for action; all who help clear the village pond; and everyone who helps a neighbour or simply stops to pass the time...

All these things and many more are the ties that bind us as a community...

Thank you to everybody.

**Alex Goodwin** Chair, Keevil Parish Council 2022-25



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