

Chair's Annual Report 2024

Welcome to the OYPC Annual Meeting for 2024.

On conclusion of my second year as Chair, I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to our parish councillors and our Clerk for their unwavering support and dedication to the parishes of Osmaston and Yeldersley. Thanks also go to District Councillors Bates and Wilton, as well as County Councillor Bull, for their consistent attendance and valuable contributions over the past year. I cannot recall a time during my tenure as a parish councillor when we have enjoyed such high levels of engagement from our district and county representatives. I am confident that this encouraging trend will continue in the coming year.

In the past year, we have navigated the usual array of parish matters alongside several small planning applications. The major development site on the Airfield has been notably quiet. However, should new applications come before us in the future, as I expect they will, I am certain that we will apply the same rigorous scrutiny that we did with the previous application, which was ultimately refused.

Earlier, I mentioned the commendable attendance of our district and county councillors this year. I am equally pleased to report an increase in public participation at our meetings. I believe I speak for all the councillors when I say that I hope this trend not only continues but grows. Engaging with parishioners is a vital opportunity for us to address concerns and foster a stronger sense of community within our villages.

This sense of community is crucial for many reasons, not least of which is the need to fill the positions of parish councillors. We currently have two vacant positions. I am hopeful that in the coming months, we will find suitable, willing candidates to fill these roles, thereby enhancing our council's depth and effectiveness.

In conclusion, I extend my sincere thanks to all of you once again. I reaffirm my commitment and support to the parishes and to the successive Chair in the upcoming year.

Thank you.

Cllr Daniel Wright