LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman’s report for the year to 31st March 2022.

The Parish Council did not increase the precept for the year ending 31st March 2022 and is pleased that whilst households have to shoulder other increases we have not added to their burden. The precept pays for clerical and administration costs, insurance, subscriptions, donations, general repairs and maintenance, the children’s play area maintenance, audit fees, a grant for the maintenance of the Village Hall and in a normal year room hire for meetings.

The Parish Council continues to be responsible for “urban grass verge”, with a small grant from Norfolk County Council .

The Parish Council maintains reserves to pay for any future election expenses, general repairs and maintenance, audit fees and other contingencies.

The Womack Staithe Charitable Trust continues to give substantial financial to assistance the Parish Council to cover the majority of expenditure incurred in the maintenance and upkeep of village grass cutting and amenities, the Parish Churchyard, and the balance of funds required to pay for the urban verges grass cutting.

The Parish Council was able to hold all its scheduled council meetings and was able to hold the annual New Year’s Eve firework display.

Ludham is very lucky that we have a number of willing volunteers and amongst various tasks we are very grateful for the help Clare Routledge has been giving in relation to making sure various council assets are correctly registered with the government Land Registry.

The Parish Council has continued to work with Ludham Churches together and we were very pleased for the combined work to be recognised by the presentation of a wall plaque on behalf the Lord Lieutenant.

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I would like to record my thanks to my fellow Councillors for their support and the various tasks they have applied themselves to throughout the year, to our parish clerk for her support, hard work and unfailing patience, and to the internal audit (Mike Flett) for ensuring that the parish finances are monitored

I would also thank our District and County Councillors for attending our meetings and for their support.

Ludham continues to be a great place to live not only due to the environment but to the generosity and public spiritedness of the residents

A.J. Lupson

4th May 2022