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Hello, I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I've enjoyed some lovely time working in the garden and it really seems that spring is has arrived at last.

We've now held three volunteer mornings tidying in the Cemetery. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month (between 11am and 1pm) – please do check out the events calendar on the website if you would like to come along. We've got a lot of tidying done – thanks go out to our volunteers in April and May, Mary and Sally, and the team at The Greyhound for a lovely coffee in the sunshine afterwards!



Mary and Sa
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You'll see in the image above that we also now have a lovely new bench on Six Acres to commemorate the coronation of HM Charles III on 6th May.

As part of the Big Help Out over the spring bank holiday, the lovely ladies at the WI and their partners very kindly prepared, primed and re-painted our BT call box, which is used as the little lending library – thank you so much on behalf of all the parish!



On 4th May there was a poll for District Councillor, and Sarah Pugh was elected. Four parish councillors stood in the parish elections and were elected uncontested:

- Cllr Paul Couzens
- Cllr Mike Lavelle
- Cllr Sandy Thwaite
- Cllr Tracey Turner

They will return as councillors at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 18th May, which will be held in the Dulcie Smith room at the Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre(7:30pm). Please [take a look at the agenda](#) and join us if you can.

On the same day (at 6:00pm), we'll also be holding our Annual Parish Meeting, when we'll be presenting the Alf Hick's Biscuit Barrel to Kevin Grimes. Please take a look at the [Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting](#) and do come along if you can!

April was a busy month, with preparation and delivery of a consultation by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on the proposed site allocation, and preparation and submission of paperwork for the Annual Internal Audit.

Following the February meeting, the Senior Wooden Goal End and Basket Ball Hoop was ordered and installed on 24th April.



Our April Estates Committee will be met on 6th April and agreed:

- An update on the agreed work plan for 2023 – 24 and
- Proposals for testing memorial stones in the cemetery

The April meeting of the Parish Council considered:

- An update on Social media and ICT issues
- A range of financial and governance papers including preparation of Annual Audit, a reviewed Financial Risk Assessment and budget for the current Financial Year
- A request for financial support
- A proposal for purchase of equipment to support local organisations

If there is anything you would like the parish council to consider at a future meeting, [please do get in touch with me](#).

Do feel free to forward this message on to neighbours, friends and family in the parish and ask them to get in touch with me at parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk if they would like to be included in our e-newsletter mailing list!

Wishing you all the best, keep safe and well

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