

Great Witchingham Parish Council
Chairman's Report
2024/2025

As we wrap up the council year, I just wanted to take a moment to look back at what we've been up to and share a few thoughts on where things are heading.

We've had a couple of new faces join us this year—Paul Hines and Rachel Thorpe—which now brings us up to a full council. That's great news and it's already made a real difference having a full team around the table.

A big thank you as always to our District Councillor, Peter Bullman, who's continued to be a great support—particularly with the ongoing concerns around the building work at Johnson's Garage. And also to County Councillor Greg Peck, who's helped us out on various planning and parish matters again this year.

Back in April, we ran another Spring Clean as part of the national campaign. It was great to see some new volunteers get involved, and I've had quite a few people mention they're picking up litter whenever they see it—which is brilliant. It all helps keep the village looking good and shows that sense of pride we all share.

We're also really pleased to see that The Bridge pub has new owners, and we understand work is due to start soon. Fingers crossed it'll bring some life back into a place that means a lot to many of us.

Looking ahead, we've now adopted a 3–5 year plan to give us a clearer sense of direction. It sets out our aims around communication, community events, the environment, and how we want to grow as a council. You can find the plan on our website if you want to have a look.

We're also starting to explore ways to improve the play area and would love to hear from anyone who'd like to get involved or has ideas to share.

Lastly, I want to say a big thank you to the whole council, to Dawn our clerk, and to everyone in the village who's helped or supported us over the past year. It really is appreciated.

Here's to another good year ahead.

Rowan Banks
Chair – Great Witchingham Parish Council