**SPC Chairmans Report May 2024**

**Footpaths/Highways**

* Work on the A5199 to replace water pipes, was eventually completed in early summer 2023 and apart from occasional highway maintenance there have not been any significant road closures or diversions recently
* Traffic through the village from Bruntinghthorpe appears to have reduced, however we continue to monitor this and can report any issues to Cox Automotive if required
* There have been a couple of occasions where roads in the village have flooded due to heavy rain and run off from fields. Thank you to all those who helped fellow villagers who were flooded

**Village Green**

* The playground annual inspection and village green inspections have been carried out and any issues attended to
* Q Gardens continues to flourish, thank you to the Nature Group for its ongoing development and maintenance
* Earlier this year, a number of villagers took part in a ‘clear up’ on the village green, again thank you to all those who took part and to Keith & Andy for organising
* A litter pick around the village and surrounding roads also took place earlier this year, thank you to all those who took part

**Mowing**

* The mowing contract is up and running again and it’s renewal will be reviewed again towards the end of the year

**Neighbourhood Plan**

* We are in the process of reviewing our Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it remains fit for purpose and to keep up with new legislation
* We shared details of the work done so far at the Spring coffee morning and received some useful feedback. We will keep villagers informed regarding next steps

**Village News**

* Sadly, Peggy Wildy passed away in April after a short illness at the grand age of 101, she will be sadly missed by all those who knew her
* We also heard today that Lesley Morris, a former resident of Shearsby has passed away. Our thoughts are with Baz and family
* We said a fond farewell late last year to Stella & Martin from The Chandlers and welcomed the new owners Bex & Josh to Shearsby, we wish them well in their new venture

**The Council**

* Councillor David Durran left the Council as Chairman at the beginning of the year, thank you again to David for all the work you did on the Council
* Councillor Jon Gunnell replaced David as Chairman
* We have 4 councillors on the Council
* Our finances are in good order and we have passed this year’s audit
* I would like to finish by thanking my fellow councillors and our clerk Helen, for all their hard work and support during the last year

Jon Gunnell

Chairman, Shearsby Parish Council.