

# ILKETSHALL ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2025

### Annual Parish Meeting

The village is required to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, which is separate from meetings of the Parish Council. This is your opportunity to hear what the Parish Council has done in the past year, to ask questions about the Parish Council's activities, and to make suggestions about what the Parish Council should do in the ensuing year. The average attendance at these meetings over the past few years has been less than 2 people, and the Parish Council would really like to hear the views and suggestions from more than this! The Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately before the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, and will therefore be:

**Monday 12 May 2025, 7.00 pm, Village Hall.**

The bi-monthly Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting, at 7.30pm, on Monday 12 May 2025.

### Vacancies for Parish Councillors

Following the resignation of Jacqui Harrison as Parish Councillor in March 2025, there are now TWO vacancies on the Parish Council. These can be filled by a process called 'co-option', which essentially means that an individual can join the Parish Council without the need for any election. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor, or have any queries about the role, then please get in touch with one of the Councillors, by email to the Parish Council email address ([isaparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:isaparishcouncil@gmail.com)), or by coming to the Annual Parish Meeting/Parish Council meeting on Monday 12 May.

### Play Area

The Parish Council intends to undertake some refurbishment and renovation of the Play Area adjacent to the Village Hall later in the year. It would really value the views and suggestions from residents about the play equipment and facilities that people would like to have at the Play Area. If you do have some views and suggestions, then please speak to a Councillor, email the Parish Council email address ([isaparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:isaparishcouncil@gmail.com)) or come to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 12 May.

### Community Speedwatch sessions on Top Road

The Community Speedwatch group is continuing to hold regular sessions on Top Road, carrying out speed checks on vehicles using a hand-held radar. Alarmingly, a recent session identified a vehicle travelling at 70mph within the 30mph area, along with a further 3 vehicles being driven at less extreme excess speeds. If you are interested in joining the group, please either speak to a member of the group when they are out and about, or email the coordinator at [cswisa@yahoo.com](mailto:cswisa@yahoo.com)

*Rod Apps, on behalf of Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council.*

*The Parish Councillors are: Gerald Godfrey (Chair), Ian Braid, Colin Ward, Penny Ward and Rod Apps.*