## Dutton Parish Council

Annual report

May 2021

The Annual Parish meeting due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 did not take place due to the Coronavirus Emergency. Statutory Instrument 392 made on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 gave flexibility to Borough and Parish Councils on how to continue operating during the Coronavirus outbreak of 2020.

Urgent business was able to be conducted remotely by email or by virtual meeting. An extraordinary Parish meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at which the accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 were approved.

More usual meetings of the council were re-established in March 2021 when councillors were able to attend in person, with distance between each attendee as well as by a virtual link provided for those not wanting to attend in person.

The Council records with sadness the death in 2020 of former Parish Councillor Sylvia Hopwood who had served on the council since 2003 until her retirement in May 2019, during her term of office she had been an active councillor attending many meetings on behalf of the Parish.