**Chairman’s Report 2023**

This has been a fairly tumultuous year for the village. Coming out of COVID was a positive, but we were then advised of the loss of the lease of the Recreation Ground after a dispute with the landowner. We were forced to consider how we might provide an alternative children’s playground facility and, after some difficult decisions and some excellent financial support from Mid-Suffolk District Council, we were able to get a new playground up and running in the Old School Playing Field, with an excellent and well-attended opening held in late January of this year. Many thanks to all those who helped with this activity.

On a happier note, the village celebrated the Queen’s Jubilee in the summer with much gusto, an event made more poignant by the monarch’s death later in the year.

A significant milestone was also achieved in July when the village voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Redgrave Neighbourhood Plan (RNP). The Plan was adopted (‘made’) by Mid Suffolk District Council decision later that month. The NDP will be used to help decide planning applications in the parish unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

We also welcomed this year two new councillors, Elaine Brown and Charlotte Giddings, as well as a new Parish Clerk, Alison Spouncer.

Andy Warnes

Chairman