

# DILTON MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

# DILTON NEWS

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## Hello Dilton Marsh

I was voted as the new Chairperson of Dilton Marsh Parish Council at our July meeting. I am relatively new to the village; I have only lived here 14 years.

I worked as a volunteer Complimentary Therapist for Dorothy House Hospice for nearly 10 years. I care about people. This care led me to becoming involved with the environment and in 2019 my husband and I along with others were instrumental in getting Wiltshire Council to acknowledge the Climate Emergency. Dilton Marsh PC have also declared a Climate Emergency last year.

Throughout lockdowns people seemed to have greater appreciation of nature and green spaces, which are important for our health and well-being. At the last WC elections, I stood as a Green Party candidate and although I didn't canvass or

leaflet I managed to get 344 votes which I was delighted with.

I am so pleased that the new and not so new Parish Councillors, some who will be familiar to many, are also keen on environmental issues. My Deputy Chair is Alison Irving and I am grateful for her knowledge of all things Dilton Marsh. New to the Parish Council are Ruth Collins, Suzanne McGee, Jenny Jones, Lynne Gill and Emma Louise Holding, Emma was co-opted at the September meeting. She is the youngest member of the PC and we will be interested in her views.

The PC have applied for and have preliminary agreement for funding from a group called 'Close the Gap'. This is to connect hedgerows which will form Wildlife Corridors. The plan is to put the hedging whips along the far side of the playing field interspersed with a few tree whips. This will in time provide habitat and food for birds. It will hopefully also take up some of the water run-off from the sloping fields beyond. We are also seeking permission from Wiltshire Council for a new flowerbox under the Dilton Marsh sign on Tanyards Way.

I would like to draw your attention to Wiltshire Council's Climate Strategy Consultation. If you fill it in and agree with their points, they will have a mandate to move forward. You will also have a space to say something of your wishes. The Blue/Green, Water and Countryside Strategy consultation is very important for the preservation of waterways, fields, woods and green spaces.

In the face of climate events around the world, fires, flooding in Europe and in the UK, I would urge you to make time to help Wiltshire Council take positive steps to do all they can for our future and especially our children and grandchildren's future.

**Cllr Val Jarvis.**