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### 2022 Annual Meeting Chair's Report

Welcome to the AGM.

After the restrictions brought about by Covid over the last two years, it is nice to address you face to face.

Firstly, my thanks go to our clerk for her hard work in what has been difficult times.

My thanks must also go to all our councillors including District and County, for supporting us.

I must also thank Steve Wells for the attention given to Whitton Rural as a resident of the area, which can sometimes get overlooked.

A thanks also to the Recreation Ground for pushing forward new equipment and a well-served play area, the Village Hall, which is well cared for, not forgetting the Community Centre and the thriving café that is doing well. Well done to all those venues after a very tough two years.

Regarding the new developments in our Parish and neighbouring Parishes, the situation is very concerning as essential services, such as schools, doctors and dentists are at full capacity even now.

We have lobbied local MPs, Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk Highways. The real problems are the roads are extremely busy, leading often to them being gridlocked.

We have also to take into account the huge 'Henley Gate' development in all of these issues. Into the future we can see Claydon becoming a suburb of Ipswich, which is not ideal.

Finally thanks to you all, we must continue working together for the good of our parish.