

## **Chairmans Report**

2023-2024

We had hopes that the Red Lion would be in operation by March this year but alas progress is very slow – we understand that the current owners are being difficult with the lady who wishes to purchase it. The Heritage and listed building department are monitoring the building.

There is a new project available to smaller Parishes – the People and Places Plan, we are currently considering this for our village.

The winter 23-24 has caused serious flooding in the village and we have had to approach the local land owner and farmer to clear the ditches. The local roads into Needham Market were severely flooded – many thanks go to Kay Oakes, our County Councillor for her sterling work in trying to get the problems sorted as soon as possible.

We have received a considerable amount of money from the Community Infrastructure Levy, and thanks to Jennie we now know which building projects generate this money and when it is due to us. We have yet to find a suitable project to use this money for the benefit of the village.

We have requested new repeater 30 signs for the village, these will be installed as and when the Highways Team are available.

Business Park. This month April we have noticed considerable activity in the Business Park, new drainage and electrical supply – also kerbs painted white!! No-one seems to have much idea about what is planned for this area, although a number of people have enquired.

Many thanks go to Arland Shawe-Taylor for moving the Speed Indicator Device (SID) for us – making sure that no-one gets too familiar with its position. Jennie has given us the data for understanding the number of cars that have been speeding.