

## **HOOK NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 12 April 2018**

My report is short:

- Most of Oxfordshire County Council activities have been reported throughout the year.
- The election last May produced no overall control but eventually, two independents joined the Conservatives to form a ruling group.
- Highway maintenance has proved the most demanding problem for the County and despite several millions of extra pounds of Government money, the number of potholes does not decrease and unfortunately, the general state of the roads is deteriorating as well. I think this is now being accepted and more capital schemes are being put together in a 3-year program. I can only advise residents to use the FixMyStreet website to report all potholes. If it is dangerous, either contact me or use the 0800 number, as sometimes, due to excessive numbers, the FixMyStreet report does not get through to officers for up to 10 working days.
- As we all know, the budget produced a 5.99% rise, with the majority of this going towards adult social care and children social care. These areas are now taking up well over 50% of the total Oxfordshire County Council spend.

County Councillor George Reynolds