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The Asset of the Community order still stands for the Vane Arms which is in the process of being sold to Hawthorne Community Pubs. The sale is due for completion at the end of the month. We look forward to supporting Lucy Greenhead in her endeavours to make it work for us all.

Sadly, we lost our clerk, Sue Cook this year. She did a stirring job for us for which we have thanked her. Meanwhile I would like to introduce Adam Fox to you who has agreed to become our new clerk. So welcome to Adam. I am sure he will do a splendid job. I have already discovered his computing skills!

Finally, I have to report that I am stepping back from the chairmanship of the Parish Council. I have done it for the past five years and feel it is time to move on and let someone else take a turn. Jacqui has been my deputy for the last 3 years or so and I will nominate her to take over. She has experience now and I will be happy to give any advice as and when asked.

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