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Council says thanks to high flier ex-chairman

MR Eric Fenning, who has spent his years on Stockbridge Parish Council nudging officials into action, keeping members in order and signing the minutes, has left after 24 dedicated years.

The 75-year-old flying ace was recently welcomed back to the council when former colleagues thanked him for his service and achievements and presented him with a painting of two of the aeroplanes he flew with the 139 Jamaican Squadron during the Second World War.

The new chairman, Col Ron

Clark, said Mr Fenning's long spell as chairman would never be surpassed. "Not only has he kept us in order, he has on many occasions shown us the light at the end of the tunnels of trouble and strife associated with parish life."

Mr Fenning had, in his own quiet way, got things done for Stockbridge and gave good advice when needed without ever having to tell the world of his efforts, Col Clark added.

As well as looking after the council and flying daily, Mr Fenning spent many years as a

magistrate. He was appointed to Andover County Bench in 1950, and was deputy chairman for 20 years, also serving as chairman of the licensing committee and the fine enforcement court.

He spent another 20 years on the General Tax Commissioners in Andover, and was chairman for seven years.

Mrs Fenning was also thanked for her work behind the scenes, answering 'phone calls and taking messages.

Mr Fenning (left) is pictured with Col Clark. 91254-A14.

