

Chairs annual report.

It has been an unprecedented year with the pandemic but life as a Parish Council has to go on. We continued our bi monthly meetings wherever possible via Zoom. It wasn't without its difficulties but we managed and it just goes to show you are never too old to learn new skills.

We have seen our orchard on the Town Lane field bloom and hopefully bear fruit. Steve Edwards, Lancashire County Arboricultural Officer, and myself pruned the trees early March. There is still some maintenance required to make it a complete success so if anyone has any skills in this field or would be willing to lend a hand please do get in touch with Alan Whittaker our Clerk.

The play equipment has been a resounding success and hopefully will be used more frequently post pandemic. A grant of £20,000 was secured by our Clerk as well as donations from local individuals.

Small planning applications have been approved and money's from completed development have netted £4,894.14 via Community Infrastructure Levy, (CIL).

We have increased the Precept by 2 percent which will leave an anticipated balance at 31/3/2022 of £4,200, excluding the above CIL money. This a recommended balance for a Parish of this size.

I would like to express my appreciation to Councillor's, Lloyd, Mather, Forshaw and Singh for their continued support. I especially wish to thank Councillor Singh who has done a wonderful job inputting information onto our Parish website. This has proved very popular with 3,763 from 21 different countries in just 18 months. Looks like we are popular around the world!! Who knows it could be a beacon for others to follow.

I would also like to say a big thank you to John Donald and John Wane, our two lengths men who, between them, keep our village safe and tidy. It is a credit to their commitment.

I would like to thank our Clerk Alan Whittaker who works tirelessly for the Parish Council. I cannot begin to tell you what his job entails, I for one wouldn't want to do it!!!

Lastly, I would like to thank residents for their sentiments of support and appreciation of the job we do. It's a pleasure to serve you.

Angela