

Chairs Annual Report 2022

Yet again we are under the dictate of the pandemic with regard to our regular Parish Council meetings and the availability of the Village Hall. This past year has had its difficulties but we did manage to hold all our six bi monthly meetings. Hopefully restrictions will be eased this year and we will be back to normal.

The Town Lane orchard is in full bloom and hopefully will bear more fruit this year. The tree that had been vandalised has been replaced, free of charge, by Steve Edwards, Lancashire County Arboricultural Officer. A big thanks to Steve for that. Maintenance is always required and if we have any green fingered residents that can lend a hand, your help would be appreciated. If so, please get in touch with our Clerk Alan Whittaker.

Small planning applications have been approved. The Parish Council have strongly objected to the demolition of the derelict house on the junction of Wood Lane and Park Hall Road to be replaced by a three story office block.

I am pleased to say that play equipment on The Meadows continues to be used by children of the village and play school.

The Parish Council agreed to keep the Precept at the same rate as last year. This means that there will be a decrease of Council Tax on all properties.

Once again, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to my fellow Councillor's Mather, Lloyd, Forshaw and Singh for their continued support. A big thanks to our youngest member, Councillor Singh, for his I.T. skills, inputting information onto the Parish Council website.

Again, thanks to our two Lengths men, John Donald and John Wane, who continue to keep our village safe and tidy in all weathers. Their commitment is appreciated.

I would, also, like to thank our Clerk Alan Whittaker whose dedication and commitment to the Parish Council is unwavering, liaising with various agencies and sourcing the best value for the good of the village. I respect his knowledge of the contacts he has made during the 44 years in this position.

I have now been in the position of chair for a number of years. I have often heard people say that they would like to stand for the Council. Please, please apply. You won't get elected if you don't stand.

Last, but not least, I thank you the residents of our wonderful village for your support and your appreciation of the Parish Council and the job we do. May we continue to serve you in the years ahead.

Angela Bamber