

# **Annual Report of Astley Village Parish Council**

## **Year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019**

### **The Council**

During the year ending March 2019 the Parish Council worked hard to maintain and improve the village for its residents.

### **Councillors**

During the period the Council was chaired by Councillor Laura Lennox with Councillor Rod Fraser as the Vice Chairman.

In this reported year there were no Councillors changes.

### **Astley Village Newsletter**

The newsletter continued to be well received. It is published twice a year covering all aspects of the Council's work and will be distributed to every household.

### **Website**

The Council's modern website looks professional and contains a lot of information on the Council, local items and documents you can look up.

### **Council Employees**

During the year one of our Village Caretakers, Ronnie, retired and the Council wished him well. Jamie continues to do litter picking, tidying and other tasks. Debra Platt, the Clerk, also continued her good work for the Council.

### **Village Plan**

The Council's village plan continues to be reviewed throughout the year. The plan informs the budget setting which is carried out in January for the new year beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Some of the projects will be worked on with Chorley Council whilst others the Parish Council will look to support or develop itself.

In this year the Council has provided two feature stone built flower beds, one at the entrance to the village at West Way and the other in the centre. Also it continues to maintain its displays of flower tubs around the village which were resited and now benefit from being adopted by residents.

### **Value for Money**

The Council spends the money it collects from residents wisely and for the benefit of Astley Village residents. Based on a band D council tax property in the village, the approximate cost is 40p per week for the Parish Council's services during the year. This is collected by Chorley Council and costs a total of £22.00 for the year. We hope you agree this is very good value for money.

### **Summary**

The Council is looking forward to making further improvements in the coming year.

**Laura Lennox**  
**Chairman**  
**April 2019**