

Annual Report of Astley Village Parish Council

Year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

The Council

During the year ending March 2018 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 three Councillors resigned – Ian Handley, Allan Bridge and Douglas Hope.

Susan Crook and Barbara Darragh joined the Council in January and Chris Sheldon at the March meeting.

Astley Village Newsletter

The new format of 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 newly designed website came online in May 2016, which was funded by a Government Transparency Grant. It looks professional and contains a lot of information on the Council, local items and documents you can look up.

Council Employees

The two village caretakers, Ronnie and Jamie, contribute so much to the excellent condition of our village, litter picking, tidying and doing 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 1st 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 a number of wayside seats, whilst maintaining its displays of flower tubs around the village.

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 2018