

ALLERTON BYWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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The Parish Council have had a very busy year working on projects to improve the village and assisting the residents with ongoing problems. We have worked within our budget and remain in a sound financial position. Listed below is a detailed account of the Councils activities undertaken on your behalf in the last year.

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

- We employ two village caretakers who pick litter up within the village, plant bulbs and cut areas of grass they also undertake other tasks as and when required.
- New planters have been made and positioned around the village, these have been planted up by the Parish Council
- Also new planters have been made for the old people's bungalows on Leeds Road. These have been made by pupils of Brighshaw High School who have learning difficulties as part of their curriculum. Funding for the project was obtained by the Parish Council.
- We are still working trying to resolve the flooding at Manor Park Avenue. As part of this project a new pumping station will be installed incorporating two pumps one as a back up in the event that the first pump should break down.
- New Litter Bins [16] have been obtained and positioned at various locations around the village, we trust that all concerned will make full use of these and help keep our village tidy.
- The Environment Agency has been contacted by both ourselves and our Ward Councillors about the delay in installing the inlet to the river for flood relief on the St Aidans site. The outlet work has been completed but delays with the inlet are still ongoing owing to flooding problems with existing ponds on neighbouring land. A new flood bank on the site may be required to resolve this.
- The Environment Agency completed work on the flood defences within the village but left the old Murco Site and footpaths in an unsatisfactory condition. These have now been put right, The footpath has been surfaced with tarmac and the Murco-Site is to be re- turfed also two fishing platforms have built on the Murco pond.
- We are handing over the planting of the War Memorial and village planters plus the village in bloom project to the Bramwell Road, Park Lane Allotments Society although we shall still continue to fully fund the project and oversee the workings of the group.
- We welcome all residents who wish to get involved in making the Village tidier and help with floral displays throughout the village. If you would like to get involved and make new friends JOIN IN no matter how much time you can spare you will be made welcome.

IMPROVING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

- Along with our Ward Councillors we arranged repairs to the roads within the village where possible. Work has been undertaken at various places within the village and Leeds Road has been resurfaced.
- The Environment Agency were asked to remove Pasture Hedge along Leeds Road owing to the ongoing cost of its maintenance. They have started this but still have to remove the roots and tidy the area up. A replacement copse of trees has been planted alongside the river bank.

HELPING RESIDENTS

During the year we have dealt with complaints from residents about;

- Vandalism
- Missile throwing at properties
- Problems with street lighting
- Pot holes
- Obtaining Litter Bins
- Tree Removal
- Traffic Calming
- Flooding
- Noisy Neighbours
- Planning issues
- Positioning of Bus Stops
- Travellers
- Telephone Masts
- Motorcycles on the Lines Area
- Along with the Ward Councillors we have worked to secure funding for the Allerton Bywater Rugby Club to improve their ground and facilities. This is ongoing but is going well at present.
- With the Ward Councillors we have opposed plans by Barrett's to build properties that would overlook Bungalows on Station Road. This case was won on appeal by the residents and the properties will now be built as two storey buildings not three without any overlooking windows at the rear of the properties.

GRANTS

The Parish Council have made small grants to organisations within the village including the, Allerton Bywater Rugby Club and the Cricket Club also funding has also been pledged towards the Miners Memorial fund in line with our regulations. We also contributed to the Royal British Legion plus £50.00 each to Hollins Grove and Victoria Street Sheltered Housing activity funds.

CHURCHYARD

The Parish Council has continued to cut the grass in the churchyard on a weekly basis, along with the Probation Service Payback Scheme workers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year your Parish Councillors have attended various meetings and carried out a variety of duties on behalf of the village. These include meeting and liaising with the Police, Council surgeries and working with residents in respect of all the planning issues for the village.

During the year the Parish Council has been well supported by our three Ward Councillors, Keith Parker, Keith Wakefield and James Lewis. We have worked with them to try to resolve the complaints and problems brought to us by the residents. I would like to thank them on behalf of the Council, for all the hard work on behalf of the community.

We have worked closely with the Probation Service to find work for the Payback Scheme which involves offenders doing community service, working within the village on week days and weekends. We have arranged for them to work very successfully at the Parish Church both in the Churchyard and painting within the Old School.

We have a sound working arrangement with the Probation Service and the Supervisors and will continue to find the Payback Workers work on an ongoing basis as long as the scheme is available as this benefits all parties concerned.

Parish Surgeries will owing to the forthcoming closure of the Methodist Church and Church Hall be moved to the New Church Hall at St Mary's Parish Church.

The times and days will remain the same 10.00am to 11.00 am on the first Saturday in the Month, a Ward Councillor and Parish Councillor will be in attendance. The format will be just the same as previously with the church members running a coffee morning.

The first meeting to take place at the new venue will be on SATURDAY AUGUST 6th 2011.

Councillor S Murray
Chairman
Allerton Bywater Parish Council