



ANDERTON PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL

Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2022

Parish Councillors

Mr I. Horsfield Ms N. Smith Dr. P.W. Pilling
Mr D. Hesketh Mr N. Baglow Mr T.M. Blackburn

Parish Clerk: Ms Janet Clarke

Report 2021-2022

Welcome to the latest report and annual newsletter from Anderton Parish Council. Although Covid 19 is now largely behind us, it is still with us and impacting on our lives. The Parish Council has now resumed normal face to face meetings in Adlington Community Centre. Anyone wishing to raise an issue with the council can attend one of our bi-monthly meetings, the dates of which are published on the parish website and also on the notice board outside the COOP on Bolton Road.

This parish newsletter will continue to be available on our parish council website as normal but will not be distributed to every household in an attempt to become more sustainable and reduce paper waste. Anyone who particularly wishes to have a hard copy however should be able to obtain one from Adlington library or can request one from our parish clerk.

Although we have continued to operate as a council we have made limited progress with our projects aimed at improving facilities and the local environment for our residents. Last year we chose not to increase our precept but this year we have increased the precept by approximately 2% to take account of increased outgoings. However for a typical resident this represents an increase of only 13p per year.

Tim Blackburn
Chair Anderton Parish Council 2022/23

Councillor Barbara Shaw

Sadly in December 2021 we lost our longest serving councillor, Barbara Shaw. Barbara passed away suddenly at home and will be greatly missed by her fellow councillors and all those who knew her. She was always busy, being actively involved with Rivington Parish Church, Adlington in Bloom and many other local organisations. In recognition of her service to Anderton Parish Council we will be dedicating the bench at the Water Treatment Works, Anderton and fixing a commemorative plaque in her memory.

Parish Council Changes

The parish council was formally reconstituted at this year's Annual General Meeting on the 25th May and for the next twelve months Councillor Tim Blackburn will continue as Chair and Councillor Ian Horsfield will continue as Vice Chair.

Following on from Councillor John Appleyard's retirement from the council last year, our clerk, Don Hesketh announced his intention to resign as clerk, stating his desire to become a councillor. He was formally co-opted as a parish councillor at our September 2021 meeting and took up his post with effect from the 1st of October 2021. Janet Clarke was appointed as our new clerk at our September 2021 meeting to replace Mr Hesketh and commenced her duties with effect from the 1st of October.

A call for candidates to fill the vacancy left by the death of Councillor Barbara Shaw was made in April 2022 but unfortunately there were no applicants. The council was therefore permitted to fill the vacancy by co-option. The council is pleased to announce that Mr Neil Baglow has been co-opted as a new parish councillor for Anderton and has taken up the position from July 2022.

Footpath Improvements

The parish council is always keen to try to improve the condition of the many public footpaths we have in our area. Currently the council is working with the Anderton Scout Group and via our contact with the Peak and Northern Footpath Society, to bring about a project to improve the surface condition and general amenity of the popular walking route towards Rivington, between Greenhalgh Lane and Horrobin Lane, adjacent to Rothwells Farm.

In support of this the council is participating in the Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way local improvement scheme from which funding can be obtained to support particular pieces of improvement work.

Anyone using our network of local public footpaths is requested to inform us of any significant issues with the condition of gates, stiles and general footpath condition or any other problems they observe, so that we can inform the County Council for remedial work to be carried out. Please pass any information on to the Clerk to the Council via the Anderton Parish Council website.

2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The beginning of June 2022 saw an historically significant event, the first ever Platinum Jubilee of a reigning British monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Like many other parts of the country our area celebrated the occasion by organising a series of local events taking place over the four days of the extended bank holiday.

The three councils from our local area, Adlington Town Council, Anderton Parish Council and Heath Charnock Parish Council, came together to form a Jubilee committee who were responsible for coordinating, supporting, scheduling and promoting all the individual events.

The parish council would like to thank all those organisation who individually came up with a wide range of activities over the four day period. From the feedback received the events were a great success and much appreciated by those who enjoyed them. The occasion also demonstrated that by working together the three local councils were able to ensure that something of national significance was celebrated to the benefit of the local community.

More Road Works!

Millstone Embankment

We mentioned in last year's newsletter the roadworks along the reservoir embankment (A673) beyond the Millstone. This is work being carried out jointly between LCC and United Utilities. Work has now commenced on effecting the necessary repairs at this location. It is anticipated that the work will continue until October 2022. Various restrictions and road closures will apply during this time. Further information can be seen at this address.

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Grimeford Lane Junction

Applying parking restrictions by way of yellow line markings around this junction has now been carried out by LCC. This is intended to improve road safety at the junction and it is hoped that this will lead to a reduction in incidents at this location.

We hope that residents will understand the need for these measures and that they will not cause too much inconvenience to those who live in this area.

Headless Cross Project Update

Residents may have noticed the new pathway that has been laid leading up to the stone monument at Headless Cross. This is part of the parish council project to highlight the significance of the historic monument. In the near future an information board and bench type seat will also be installed.

The information board will have details of what is known about the monument, although there is much we do not know or cannot be proved. There will be a link to the Parish website, where there will be more detailed information about what we know.

It is hoped that by promoting the area in this way it will provide a point of interest for both local residents and visitors alike and contribute to maintaining the historical significance of the site.

Supporting Local Organisations

As a parish council we recognise the valuable work done by our local voluntary organisations and the value they have in supporting our local residents. During the lockdown period we continued to give financial support to these organisations by way of monetary donations with the aim that they would be able to resume their normal activities as quickly as possible when the relaxation of coronavirus restrictions allowed.

We allocate a small amount of money from our annual precept each year for the benefit of voluntary organisations that serve our parish residents. Should you wish to be considered for an award please make a request by headed letter in writing to the parish clerk.

Feedback

The parish council is always willing to hear the view of residents about issues that are of concern to them within the parish. In particular we would be interested to know how residents think Anderton should develop over the next few years and what improvements they would like to see. We cannot promise to solve every issue but it will help to shape our strategic thinking.

In the meantime should you wish to raise any issues of concern regarding Anderton you can contact the parish clerk, Ms Janet Clarke, by letter at 89 Bolton Road, Anderton, or electronically by email at clerk@andertonpc-lancs.uk or via the parish council website www.andertonpc-lancs.uk where you can also find additional information about the council itself together with news about local facilities and events.