

ANDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter

Spring 2017

Parish Councillors

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Parish Clerk: Mr Don Hesketh

Anderton Report 2016-2017

Welcome to the Spring 2017 Newsletter of Anderton Parish Council. This is our annual report to residents about what your parish council have been involved with over the past twelve months. We hope you will find it useful and informative.

As you will see from the above names, two major personnel changes have occurred since our last Newsletter. Our long serving Clerk, Mrs Maureen Price decided it was time to stand down last September and therefore we have now carried out the appointment of a new Clerk for the parish, namely Mr Don Hesketh. Additionally, following the vacancy created last year for a parish councillor, we now welcome Mr Tim Blackburn as a newly appointed parish councillor for Anderton.

Over the past year, collectively we have represented the parish at a number of local events and activities and also made representations to other local authorities and bodies on matters we felt important to Anderton. Locally we have contributed to the provision of a public defibrillator at the bottom of Babylon Lane, we have organised the rebuilding of the stone flowerbed which was in need of repair at Major Bottoms, we have pressed hard for remedial work to address the poor state of repair of Grimeford Lane and we have commissioned a new Anderton Parish Council website. Although much of the year has been dominated by cut backs to local government services, of which you can read more about inside, we have this year levied only a minimal increase in the Anderton parish precept portion within your overall council tax bill.

Ian Horsfield
Chair - Anderton Parish Council 2017/18

Introducing your new Parish Clerk.

Our previous Clerk, Maureen Price retired from the role last October after 14 years of excellent service to the council. We would like to offer her our thanks and wish her well for the future.

She has now been replaced by Mr Don Hesketh, who says "I was honoured to be offered the position of Parish Clerk and look forward to supporting the parish councillors for many years to come. I have lived in Anderton for the last 34 years and feel deeply for the parish itself and the beautiful area in which we are fortunate to live".

My contact details are displayed on the parish notice boards situated next to the Co-op car park and on the wall by the entrance door. I can be reached via email at clerk@andertonpc-lancs.uk or by letter to 61, Beech Avenue, Anderton. Please feel free to contact me with any issues you feel the council should be aware of. I update the items displayed on both the notice boards at regular intervals with Minutes of the council meetings, accounts and items about local events so hopefully there should always be something of interest. When you are passing just spare a minute and have a look."

Anderton Parish Council Website

As a Parish Council we are obliged to make certain information available to members of the public via a website. Some of this information is currently available on notice boards situated at the Co-op on Bolton Road but as large numbers of people now have access to the internet, we have created a website where all this information and more, can be found.

The web address is www.andertonpc-lancs.uk

There are details of the Council and its purpose, Councillors, council meetings, including dates, agendas and minutes and information about the council's accounts. Other information includes details of GP services, Chemists, Schools and Places of Worship. A gallery of photographs includes images of the local area and places of interest.

There is provision for news items, which might include forthcoming events in the area, a planning tracker which shows details of all planning applications within Anderton. The Local Information page has a link to Chorley Ramblers, which may well be of interest to any walkers who reside locally. If any resident has any information of similar local organisations that they would like to see included on the website, then please submit any suggestions to the parish Clerk.

Although Anderton does not have a great deal in the way of facilities, we have close ties with our neighbours in Adlington and Heath Charnock and if anyone is aware of upcoming events in those areas, then please pass them on. We would welcome feedback on our website and this, together with any items for inclusion should be communicated to the clerk by email at clerk@andertonpc-lancs.uk

Anderton In Bloom!



The Parish Council receives a supply of daffodil bulbs from Chorley Council each year and these have been planted throughout the parish. The displays in early spring were magnificent and made the effort worthwhile. We hope residents agree!

Adlington Library

Many of you will be aware that under local government (LCC) cuts the library in Adlington was threatened with total closure from this year. In response " Friends of Adlington Library" (FoAL), was formed, aimed at taking over the provision of a library service for Adlington through voluntary means. Chorley Council also stepped in to fund continuing provision until March 2018.

As "our" local library, Anderton residents also benefit from this facility and there is much support for its continuance. However, the friends group can only do so much through fund raising and it is likely that an on- going sustainable funding source will be required for the future.

One idea being suggested is that the local parishes allocate some of their annual precepts to fund the library service. This would mean that we may have to consider a significant rise in our parish precept for next year. We would very much welcome the views of residents on how they value the local library and if they would be prepared to consider paying an increased portion of parish precept for its continuance.

At the time of going to press we are aware of the change of administration at LCC which may result in a different policy on libraries. However, we would still like to hear the views of residents on this matter.

Anderton (St. Joseph's) Scouts

Anderton St Joseph's Scout Group continues to go from strength to strength and now provides a structured learning and a fun environment to over 70 young people from the village and surrounding areas. The Group consists of the three sections, Beavers (6-8 years old) Cubs (8 to 10 years old) and Scouts (10 to 14 years).

The Group strives to prepare young people for the world in which they will live by providing life skills not taught in schools. We seek to improve the health and wellbeing of our youngsters through a fun based programme that in the last twelve months have seen all the sections out camping, taking part in varied and challenging outdoor activities, environmental projects as well as cultural and educational visits, see us at <http://www.asjscouts.org.uk/>

The Group has an excellent and well trained group of Leaders but as we have grown we have become victims of our own success and now desperately need additional leaders across all sections to help us provide even better scouting for more of our young people. There is nothing more rewarding for a leader than to see a child smile and you get to do all the fun things.

Once again this year our local Scout Group has given invaluable help to the Parish Council in delivering these newsletters, We would like to express our appreciation and support for this group and for all the work they do.

The NHS and You

Chorley and South Ribble NHS would like us to remind residents that it is important to seek the most appropriate source of healthcare service when you have a health or medical problem. If you are unsure about which service is the most appropriate for you to use you can call NHS 111 any time of the day or night.

For Your Information

For any concerns regarding local policing matters, combined PACT and Neighbourhood Watch meetings are still held at Adlington Community Centre, usually on the first Wednesday of alternate months.

During the last 12 months the Parish Council was pleased to support the following local organisations :-

Adlington Luncheon Club
Adlington and District in Bloom Group
Adlington and District Senior Citizens

Anderton St Josephs Scouts
Friends of Adlington Library

All of these organisations are run by volunteers and provide much needed support in our community.

The council also subscribes to membership of the Peak and Northern Footpath Society and also helps to fund the Remembrance day parade and laying of a wreath at the war memorial.

Anderton Parish Council meets every two months at the Community Centre on Railway Road. Dates of the upcoming meetings are 25th July, 19th September, 21st November and 23rd January 2018. All meeting dates are displayed on the parish notice board. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.