

Norley Parish Council Chair's Report 2021/2022

Welcome to the 128th Annual Parish Meeting. There have been 10 Parish Council meetings. There have been two Highways meetings with CW&C via Internet link, a village meeting with a CW&C representative to discuss parking; a meeting with CW&C to discuss Contingency Planning and a meeting to plan Community Speed Watch. There was a Parish Councillor attendance of 70% and parishioners have been present at all of the meetings.

Norley have an allocation of 9 Parish Councillors and we recently filled the PC vacancy and welcome Steve Bakewell to the Parish Council.

There have been 29 planning applications / appeals during the last 12 months.

As in previous years highways issues were a priority for parishioners. The Parish Council continues to pursue these for the village. 2 fixed speed indicator devices for Ashton Road and Blakemere Lane require installing. The licence for the Ashton Road location has been signed and returned to CW&C and when it is returned the pole and device will be installed. A suitable location for Blakemere Lane remains problematic due to United Utilities high pressure water pipes however a location will be found. The reduction of the speed limit on School Lane to 30mph has been completed. Two black and white reflector posts have been installed on Norley Lane near to resident's homes, following road safety concerns being raised. Consultation with householders and landowners on Pytchleys Hollow will continue with consideration of making it a one-way road. Wider consultation throughout the village will also take place. There has been a village meeting with a representative from CW&C relating to parking issues at Delamere Forrest, and throughout the village. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking has caused issues for residents and road safety.

Lynne Reed has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the newly formed Community Speed Watch Group. A number of people have volunteered to be trained to carry out vehicle speed checks in the village using mobile speed monitoring devices and hand held speed guns. A recent meeting with a member of CW&C has outlined the requirements and will deliver training in the next few weeks. They will also loan the equipment required.

The Norley Wildlife Group has continued to develop and maintain the Memorial Garden and verges around the village have been sown with hedgerow seeds. Thank you to all the members who volunteer to keep the village looking colourful, including the snowdrops, daffodils and caring for the Norley Wildflower Memorial Walk.

Norley News keeps everyone informed of events and news in the village and the Parish Council support the Norley News. The Parish Council recognise and thank the management team, authors, contributors and all volunteers who deliver this very welcome publication.

The Parish Council continue to financially support the Recreation Area Committee for the children's play area and they are to be congratulated for maintaining this well utilised asset. The Committee has recently seen members retire and new committee members commence. The Parish Council thanks the outgoing committee members for their dedication to the children's play area and welcome the new members.

As Covid restrictions lifted the regular clubs, organisations, and activities in the village have recommenced and Norley continues to be a welcoming and thriving village.

I, and the rest of the Parish Council wish to say a huge thank you to everyone in Norley who volunteers their time in many different ways within the village.

Deryn E O'Connor
Chair
Norley Parish Council.

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