**Norley Parish Council Report**

**2019/2020**

Welcome to the 126th Annual Parish Meeting. There have been 10 Parish Council meetings, including 1 extraordinary meeting and several Highways meetings on site. There was a Parish Councillor attendance of 73% and parishioners have been present at all but 2 of the meetings.

Three of our Parish Councillors stood down in 2019 and two new Parish Councillors were welcomed, Sally Cornelissen and Tony Duff who were co-opted onto the Parish Council. We still have one vacancy.

Due to COVID-19 the March meeting was held maintaining social distancing and some councillors joining via an Internet link and the April meeting was cancelled. Future meetings will be held via video link until the risk of COVID-19 abates.

In February the Parish Council chaired a second village meeting about the future of the Stores.

There have been 33 planning applications and 1 planning appeal 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 and held several highways meetings on site. Some of these meetings related to the proposed purchase of fixed speed indicator devices for key entry points into the village and where they could be sited for maximum effect. The type of 6 devices to be purchased and final positions has been agreed and advertised by CW&C. The Parish Council have agreed on a supplier of the devices but installation has been delayed due to COVID-19. The requested 20mph speed limit was installed along School Bank and Pytchleys Hollow.

The Norley Wildlife Group has continued to develop and maintain the Memorial Garden. Thank you to all the members who volunteer to keep the village looking colourful, including the snowdrops, daffodils and caring for the Norley Wildlife 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 publication. Norley News is particularly welcome during these difficult times as it provides a valuable link to everyone in the village with social contact being so limited.

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.

Even during these unprecedented times during March, April and May 2020, Norley continues to be a welcoming and thriving village. Although the regular clubs, organisations, and activities have all temporarily ceased from physically meeting, many people from the groups stay in regular contact with each other ensuring others are well and safe.

Thank you to the many volunteers who are ensuring everyone in the village is receiving shopping, their medication, a friendly telephone chat, their dogs are walked etc. Thank you to Dave Gee and all the volunteers working in the Stores with such resilience to provide food and supplies for the village. Thank you to our local W.I. and our churches for their work and support in Norley. These times show that Norley is such a vibrant and caring place to live.

Deryn E O’Connor

Chair

Norley Parish Council

20th May 2020