

Norley Parish Council Chair's Report 2022/2023

Welcome to the 129th Annual Parish Meeting. There have been 11 Parish Council meetings over the last 12 months, including one Extraordinary Meeting. There have been regular online meetings with CW&C Highways. There was a Parish Councillor attendance of 67% and parishioners have been present at 9 of the meetings.

Norley have an allocation of 9 Parish Councillors and at the recent election only 7 people applied and were elected without contest.

There have been 33 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. The fixed speed indicator device was installed in Ashton Road. A suitable location for Blakemere Lane remains problematic due to United Utilities high-pressure water pipes however a location will be found. Consultation with householders and landowners on Pytchleys Hollow was made with consideration of making it a one-way road. The results of the consultation were inconclusive therefore this has not been progressed.

The Parish Council together with our 3 ward councillors have been trying for many years to persuade Highways to change the Cheese Hill / Finger Post Lane Give Way junction to a Stop junction. In September 2022 this change was made and the short side road to the left of the junction was blocked with bollards. These changes were designed to make the junction safer and hopefully assist in preventing road traffic collisions. Special thanks to Councillor Gillian Edwards for her unwavering support and effort on this project.

Lynne Reed continues to co-ordinate the Community Speed Watch Group supported by Gerald Brown who downloads and circulates the data from the 5 fixed speed indicator devices. A number of volunteers have been trained to carry out vehicle speed checks in the village using mobile speed monitoring devices and hand held speed guns. The Parish Council thanks all members of the Community Speed Watch Group for their work in helping to make the village a safer place.

The Norley Wildlife Group has continued to develop and maintain the Memorial Garden, and areas and verges around the village. Thank you to all the members who volunteer to keep the village looking colourful, and caring for the Norley Wildflower Memorial Walk. Two members of the Parish Council have liaised with CW&C about a project to have more wildflower verges in the village and these areas have recently been sown with wildflower seed.

Norley News keeps everyone informed of events and news in the village and the Parish Council support the Norley News. The Parish Council recognises and thanks 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 new Committee has continued to maintain the play area and ensure it is safe to use.

Recently a £2,500 donation has been made towards the kitchen refurbishment at the Village Hall and £1,000 donation to the Norley Bowls Club. This money was allocated from the Community Infrastructure Levy monies.

There are many regular clubs, organisations and activities in the village and Norley continues to be a welcoming and thriving village.

The Parish Council recognised the Coronation of King Charles 3rd by purchasing Coronation mugs to be given to every child attending Norley St Johns Primary School, pre school age children living in Norley and primary aged school children living in Norley who attend other schools.

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 and to support the village.

Deryn E O'Connor
Chair
Norley Parish Council.

16th May 2023