

## Allostock Parish Council May 2024 Chairman's Report

Welcome to you all.

The Parish Council owns and maintains the Parish Field. Cllr Moseley has organised the purchase of a new grass cutter which he stores at his farm. He continues with grass cutting and thanks to him for maintaining the field in a reasonable condition despite ruts from caravan rallies and exceptionally wet weather. He also oversees hedge cutting and new keys have been provided for him and the Beatties re hedge maintenance. An annual inspection of trees continues to ensure safety for all users of the Parish Field and as required by insurance.

Dog fouling is an on-going problem and thanks to Les Rushton for his efforts to supply bags aimed at keeping the Field clean and safe for all users. Installing CCTV has been considered.

There was some drama recently when a swarm of bees descended on the Parish Field. They were swiftly removed by a bee keeping expert and safely installed in a local hive.

Car parking problems continue especially in winter and discussions are on-going with the Village Hall about possible solutions /improvements.

There have been no significant developments re planning. The most recent is the refusal of Mangoletsis application to increase parking from 27 to 63 spaces. Reasons for refusal are on CWAC website as are all planning applications dealt with by the planning subcommittee and Parish Council minutes. There have been no further developments re the closed garden centre. The "Fall Back ", on the second refusal was a return to a garden centre. Reasons for refusal included the accessibility of services, facilities and public transport and also the electromagnetic interference from 16 houses on Jodrell Bank a World Heritage Site. Mention is also made that the speed of traffic on the A50 is not conducive to walking or cycling to Holmes Chapel or Goostrey!

The Parish Council has two representatives on the Sibelco Liaison committee whose meetings are held every 6 months. A report is available on any issues raised and there have been favourable comments on new replacement Cheshire railings, hedge planting and a footpath. We also have a police liaison representative and a member on the Richard Comberbach Trust which supports Lower Peover School. The Parish Council liaises with KGSP on line, re proposed storage of hydrogen and INEOS over brine drilling at Hulme Hall. Two members are also on the Village hall Committee. A key safe has been installed outside the Village hall and there is a defibrillator.

Thanks to Cllr John Roberts for his encouragement of litter picking volunteers on Wash Lane and Sandy Lane, a BOAT (Bye Way Open to All Traffic). The Parish Council has bought a litter bin on Wash Lane and ensures it is emptied regularly.

Roads The Parish Council continues to ask for promised speed reduction signs on Booth Bed Lane and improved signage at New Platt Lane crossroads, an accident black spot, but progress is slow. Requests for foot path clearance on the A50 also continue with concerns pedestrians sometimes having to step on to this dangerous road.

Foot paths A new FPO is in contact with our Clerk to whom concerns can be raised. The next will probably be FP 16 which runs from Hulme Hall, an English Heritage Scheduled Ancient Monument, to Hulme Lane .The foot path has been closed for over two years. Opening was promised by June 2024 .

The Parish Council aims to deal with concerns promptly and efficiently but residents are advised to report pot holes on line so they are allocated directly to the correct officer for inspection and action.

Thank you for coming and my thanks to all members of the P C for your commitment and giving up your time in the interests of our community. Finally special thanks to Hazel our clerk who copes with everything so efficiently, calmly and cheerfully, including bees! Thank you.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council when a vacancy arises they are warmly welcomed to attend meetings to get a taste of what is involved. All meeting dates are on the website.