Allostock Parish Council May 2025 Chairman's Report

Welcome to you all.

A brief summary of events since May last year.

The Parish Council owns and maintains the Parish Field. Cllr Moseley stores the parish mower at his farm and continues with grass cutting depending on weather and grass conditions. Many thanks to Cllr Moseley for doing this as a volunteer at no charge to the Parish.

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.

The parish council contributed to the purchase of "mats" by the village hall committee to extend the parking area and improve access to the Hall which continues to thrive as a popular venue for events and community activities.. Thanks to the hard working committee which includes two Parish Council members. Community clear ups continue once a month. The parish Council maintains the defibrillator at the village hall.

Planning .

All planning applications are on the CWAC website including comments by the Parish Council and in Parish Council minutes which are also on the website. The most significant recent development is the closed Garden centre now has permission for offices. There is a full (long!) list of conditions on the CWAC website.

The Cottage Restaurant has now opened as a school with twenty eight places for children with special educational needs.

The Parish Council has two representatives on the Sibelco Liaison committee although there have been been no recent meetings. Apart from some concerns about the pollution of a small fishing lake which involved the Environment Agency, the Cheshire railings hedge planting and a footpath along New Platt Lane have been welcome. We also have a police liaison representative and monthly reports from our PCSO and dates of local monthly meetings to discuss any issues. A PC member is on the Richard Comberbach Trust which supports Lower Peover School. A report is available and a brief history of the Trust which dates from 1710 when the school started. Allostock is in the ecclesiastical Parish of Lower Peover we contribute to the up keep of the grave yard We belong to Chalc the Cheshire association of local councils which provides legal and other advice.The Parish Council liaises with KGSP on line, re proposed storage of hydrogen and INEOS over brine drilling at Hulme Hall. Foot path 16 which was closed for several years because of work by Ineos has now been opened but the Foot path association will be asked to check this. 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 aims to ensure it is emptied regularly.

Roads and Potholes

The Parish Council continues to ask for the 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. Financial constraints remain an issue. Residents are advised to report pot holes on line so they are allocated directly to the correct officer for inspection and action. Today is another day when some potholes on the A 50 and other roads in Allostock are scheduled.

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. 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 and notice board.