

CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL AGM
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2016/ 2017

And then there were 3.

Since the resignation of Charlotte last September we have been reduced to 3 members from a possible 7, this despite advertising on the Noticeboard for new members and having an article in the Wilmslow Guardian. This is both frustrating and disappointing at the general apathy from local residents, who seem to show no interest in a local council.

My Thanks.

I would like to thank Catherine once again for her valuable contribution as clerk and for the effort she puts into her role. Unfortunately we may soon be losing Catherine due to a move away from the area. I just hope we will be able to replace her with someone as dedicated and efficient.

Before she resigned Charlotte ran the Facebook page for which we were gradually increasing the numbers viewing and also submitted our bid for funding from ChALC for setting up a website as required for transparency.

Margaret has continued to attend the Manchester Airport and Lindow Trust meetings providing very comprehensive reports after each meeting. Taking the lead on planning matters with both me and Kim contributing Margaret has responded to CEC on all relevant planning applications. Margaret in her role as Vice Chairman has liaised with Ashley Comiskey Dawson on producing our Website which is now up and running.

Kim despite her disappointment at the lack of interest shown by local residents in producing a Neighbourhood Plan,(now put on the backburner) has made a valuable contribution to meetings and comments on planning matters, especially in our defence of a possible intrusion into the Common Land by a developer. Kim is also in the process of trying to get closer cooperation with the Village Hall committee.

I have continued to attend the Town and Parish Conferences; Macclesfield Area ChALC meetings, their AGM, and meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner, although there have been very few meetings over the last 12 months. Having said that I now see the PCC is holding a meeting in June and ChALC are at last to go ahead with the first of their meetings to replace area meetings, again in June. This will now be known as the Parish Forum. I have also had meetings with Cressys about their concerns regarding Road Safety. As a result of these meetings the Chorley Sign has been moved back to aid visibility. I am still waiting for Gary to meet with them to discuss their issues.

Gary Barton and Ellie Brookes have both continued as our Ward Councillors, taking up issues with CEC on our behalf.

Once again I have to report that we have still not met our PCSO Chris Hopkins, although he has been in touch by E-Mail.

We still have our long standing issues with Street Lighting; Speed Limits and Planning Enforcement. These are now to be consolidated onto a spreadsheet to better control of progress.

This has been my sixth year as Chairman, making a total of 12 years that I have been in the chair. Will I be voted out this time!

Barry Durbar

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