

Introducing Your New Parish Council!

Following elections in May, there are a number of new – but enthusiastic – faces representing the views of the Parish. We thought you might like to know a little about them! Sadly, we've included a few photo's of people who weren't on holiday, etc...



Dave Roberts (Above) –
01260 275910

Living in New Rode for 30 years and now retired, Dave is our Chairman & has particular concerns regarding the environment & building in the parish.



Andy Banks (Above) –
01260 281194

Andy runs a large motor dealership & lives on Magpie Bank and "...wants to uphold & protect parish and traditional values"

Michelle Padmos – 01260 274636

Living on Brook Lane, Michelle is a Support Worker for CCC, and has lived in the parish for 24 years.

Lindis Pattison-Tadman – 01260 270045

Lindis lives on Brook Lane, Marton. As a relative 'incomer' (4 years), she "...wants to get to know the community & be more involved"



Charlie Pointon (Left) –
01260 274891

Our Clerk, Charlie has been involved in the parish for over 60 years : the fountain of PC knowledge!



Peter Cliff (Above) –
01260 278641

An Agricultural Engineer, Pete has lived in the parish all his life and joined the PC "...to put something back"



Terry Depledge (Above) –
01260 271058

Terry has lived on Peel Drive for 24 years, and is our local fishing tackle dealer! He wants to "keep Astbury green!"



John Carter (Above) –
01260 271313

Living on Astbury Green for 36 years and an architect, John's knowledge & interest in the environment is invaluable.



Roger Sutton (Right) – 01260 273677

Living and farming from Bent Lane all his life, Roger wanted "...to help combine modern living with traditional village life"

Charles Kennerley – 01260 272205

Charles is one of the parish publicans at The Horseshoe Inn on Fence Lane.

Jane Shelmerdine – 01260 279870

A local for 20 years, Jane lives on Dodds Lane, running a pet containment business and wanted "to get more involved"

Rob Lomas – 01260 272061

Rob has lived at Glebe Farm for 47 years, continuing the family association with the parish.

Nick Sharman – 01260 271374

Also living on The Green, Nick "...feels priviledged to live here & want to protect & promote the parish"

Hopefully, you may recognise the odd (!) face or name...feel free to contact any of the team to raise any issues or points you would like raised on your behalf...better still, come along to the Village Hall in Astbury at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Parish Plan - Update

An incredible amount of voluntary work went into the Parish Plan, which has become a reference document for almost everything we do...now action groups have been formed to drill down further into some issues raised...

Road & Traffic: (Contact Nick)

We can help with your concerns surrounding lanes, hedges, etc, or contact Cheshire Highways on 01270 763231. Streetscape (same number) can help with fly tipping etc. We aim to prevent any reductions the limited bus services available to The Potteries, Crewe & Macclesfield. We are still in discussion with Cheshire Highways regarding improving road safety along Brook Lane. Please contact us if you are suffering from repeated parking problems in the Parish. The Parish Council has reaffirmed it's opposition to a Congleton bypass, as we have seen little evidence to suggest this would have any positive impact on speed & safety on the lanes. We will be representing Parish interests at a number of forums this year.

Business: (Contact Andy)

There are more businesses in the Parish than you might think (over 50!)... we want to integrate them & improve communication & actual business referrals at quarterly meetings. We are in the process of asking just how we can help them to help each other!

Community & Social: (Contact Michelle)

We'd like to improve communications generally, and are investigating the possibility of integrating the various parish publications into one 'magazine' : this may even be linked to our own website. Please do let us know if you think further notice boards are required at Newbold & Browlow, and don't forget we have a 'Neighbourhood Watch' scheme : contact John Carter for details. Michelle will be attending the Congleton Police Forum – let her know if you have any issues.

Environment: (Contact John)

We are investigating the possibility of funding our own 'lengthsman', responsible for additional maintenance work in the Parish. We are in dialog with Congleton Ramblers to review the condition of public footpaths, and please remember to report any illegal tipping to us.

Ultimately, we'd like the land-use aspects of the Parish Plan to be adopted by the Borough Council as a Supplementary Planning Document.

Making all this work:

We hope to publish all PC news, along with a list of contact numbers for numerous areas of local government & support groups etc on a website, with links to other groups in the parish. Similarly, we aim to improve the quality (& frequency!) of this newsletter. As always, your comments are very welcome. If you'd like to join any of the action groups, please contact us. Similarly, if there are any budding webmasters in the parish, please do get in touch!

Quality Council Status:

The new council intend to obtain 'Quality Council Status' by the end of the year. This accolade is awarded to only a few Parish Councils in England where procedures & performance are considered to be worthy of recognition.

Important Late News

At our most recent meeting, the Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose the possible development of land totalling approximately 80 acres along Wallhill Lane. We will communicate with adjoining Parish Councils to co-ordinate efforts. A local resident, Mr Gerald Wells, has asked us to publish his contact number – 01477 500454 – if you would like to become involved in local discussions and a possible action group.

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

A reminder we meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month, at Astbury Village Hall, 7.30pm. You are very, very welcome to come along & raise any issues you may have, or simply listen. Alternatively, please do feel free to call any of the council directly, who can ensure your 'voice is heard'.

NEWBOLD ASTBURY CUM MORETON ANNUAL REPORT 2005 -2006 – Chairman’s Report

On the invitation of the Chairman, Mr D Roberts, the 2006 Chairman’s Report was given to the Combined Parishes Meeting by the immediate past Chairman, John Yates.

“This year the Parish Council has had a wide and varied agenda to deal with.

From the outset a major concern was traffic and it’s associated problems. Our country lanes were not designed for either the present volume or speed of cars and vans. Together with HGV usage and the increasing size of agricultural tractors, a tremendous strain has been put on the road network. We must maintain pressure on both Borough and County Councils to listen to our suggestions to reduce the impact of traffic.

Hopefully the extension of the 40mph limit on the A34 will reduce the accident level in the village and I ask that if you see an accident, please report it to the Parish Council so that an accurate log may be maintained.

Your Council is building a reserve fund to assist with traffic regulation improvements in the parishes. To this end, Dave Newton gave a presentation on Community Speedwatch which allows local people to assist in policing traffic under police guidance.

Litter, fly tipping and waste dumping takes place across the parishes and every effort is being made with the relevant authorities to prevent this activity. Help us stamp it out by reporting any incident you may observe to the Parish Council.

Approximately 12 months ago Andy Banks was co-opted onto the Council to replace Roy Clark who had to resign for health reasons. Andy has already proved an asset. Toward the end of his term on the Council , Tim Gresty resigned from the Council and I would take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and commitment to both the Parish Council and also to the welfare of the parishes in general.

During the past year the Astbury Conservation Area Appraisal has been completed by Congleton Borough Council and this will prove to be a useful addition to the Parish Plan findings which it is hoped will be incorporated into the local planning regime.

The actions resulting from the Parish Plan have lost some momentum during the past year. This was not helped by the Conservation Area Appraisal which took several months to complete and the Parish Council has been actively pursuing many of the “traffic” actions.

John Carter has also carried out an investigation into the possible need for affordable housing. The Council is also attempting to obtain grant monies to re-letter the war memorial in the church grounds.

Ackers Crossing now has a new Noticeboard thanks to the skill and generosity of Terry Depledge. Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Frost for allowing the board to remain in situ. Thanks also to Robert Lomas for the Christmas Lights and his other work in the village.

The sudden growth of Glebedale Transport caused complaints to be made by parishioners and also by the Parish Council. The complaint from the Council was passed to the Standards Board for adjudication regarding a possible infringement of the Code of Practice. As yet the result is not known. It is hoped that this action will show parishioners that the position of Parish Councillor does not give any advantage in respect of planning or any other activity.

I have been fortunate to serve on this Council for many years and have been Chairman for the last 4 years. Along with Bob Cliff, Frank Davenport, Ann Dale and Gordon Taylor, I decided not to seek re-election. To these former colleagues, your current Chairman, Dave Roberts and others who served with me on the Council, along with our Clerk, Charlie Pointon, I have nothing but praise. I thank them.

I conclude by welcoming the new Council with Dave Roberts as Chairman. It is reassuring to see that there is a balance of old and new Councillors willing to give their time to maintaining the existing high standards and look forward to hearing that the Council has reached Quality Status.

FINANCE

The following table shows the comparative simplified totals for income and expenditure in FY2004-5 and FY2005-6. Further detail may be obtained from the Clerk. A copy of the full accounts are available for a small copying fee.

	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	Note
Balance forward	5742	7206	
Plus Precept	5700	6030	1
Plus other receipts	1546	1964	2
Minus Staff costs	2100	2400	3
Minus other payments	3682	4434	4
Balance forward	7206	8366	5

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

- 1 The precept is the total amount collected from parishioners by the Borough Council . The amount is decided by the Parish Council after a budgetary exercise.
- 2 This figure includes Bank Interest, Refund of Pavement Lighting, refund of VAT and Parish Plan grant monies.
- 3 Total staff costs.
- 4 This figure includes all expenditure other than staff costs. It includes Insurances, Audits, Administration, Meeting Room, Pavement Lighting , CHALC Fees, Noticeboard Re-siting/Replacement , Training, Grant for Churchyard Upkeep and Parish Plan.
- 5 This figure represents cash at Bank and is added to the 2006 precept to provide the monies necessary to cover the costs likely to be incurred in FY2006-2007 together with allowances for contingencies such as election expenses and Parish Plan actions.

Tipping & Accident Report Form

Location, Date & Time _____

Vehicles involved (Registration numbers, if known) & direction of travel

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Tipping / Incident detail *(Give details of damage to fences, etc)*
