

2006 Elections: Your Chance To Make Things Happen!

May is election time : and there are 13 seats available on your Parish Council! Four members represent Moreton cum Alcumlow, and nine Newbold Astbury. Several of the current councillors will be retiring, many of our 'senior' members feeling they would like to see 'new blood' on the Council! 'Father of the council' Frank Davenport has been part of the team since 1970, and we thank him – and other retiring colleagues – for their massive contribution...is it your turn, now? **Contact our Clerk, Charlie Pointon on 01260 274891 if you'd like further details : nomination papers must be completed & returned to CBC office, Sandbach by noon, April 3rd.**

What Does The PC Actually Do?

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month...and are **nothing** like a scene from 'The Vicar of Dibley'! In many ways, we are the 'eyes and ears' of the Borough & County Councils and other government bodies, highlighting local issues that may otherwise go unreported, acting as an interface for real 'grass roots' feedback on your behalf

- Road & traffic issues
- Street lighting & signage
- Protecting 'common' land
- Illegal tipping
- Planning irregularities
- Planning – our views are requested on all planning applications in the parishes
- We are currently 'chasing' over 40 Planning & Joint Highways issues on your behalf!
- *Did you know we are even responsible for the tree, daffodils and Christmas lights on the village green?!*

What Have We Achieved?

Much of our activities – and achievements – go unnoticed but behind the scenes, it sometimes takes literally months to 'get a result'. For example..

- 40 mph speed limit along the A34 (and we are now applying pressure to extend that area)
 - Road name plate for Puddlebank Lane
- Members have also represented parish interests at numerous meetings:
- Area 4 Forum & M6 Forum
 - Bent Farm Quarry Liaison Group
 - Police Forum
 - Congleton County Forum
 - Astbury Village Hall Committee
 - In 2006, we aim to achieve 'Quality Council' status, which will give us more influence as other Government groups reduce resource

Visitors to meetings have included Cheshire Police and the Highways Dept Chief Engineer.

We Need Your Help!

In 2005, a number of volunteers completed a magnificent Parish Plan document. This remains an invaluable reference piece, highlighting the views & vision for the parish in the future. To continue this work, we need people to help implement the Parish Plan actions, including:

- Transport • Environment / Housing • Business • Recreation / Social

Or, simply come along to any meeting (Astbury Village Hall, 7.30pm, 2nd Wednesday of the month) and **make your views known.**

Who Are We?

Chairman : John Yates 01477 500297 Dave Roberts 01260275910 Frank Davenport 01260 272928

John Carter 01260 275828

Peter Cliff 01260 278641

Andy Banks 01260 281194

Terry Depledge 01260 271058

Nick Sharman 01260 271374

Rob Lomas 01260 272061

Anne Dale 01260 278068

Bob Cliff 01260 290284

Gordon Taylor 01260 278009

Clerk : Charlie Pointon : 01260 274891

At the time of writing, there was one vacancy.

Help Us To Make The Parish A Safer Place...

Working closely with the emergency services and Joint Highways, we need your valuable feedback to make the roads a safer place to travel and walk. Accidents which do not result in injury are not recorded by the Police : we believe that there are some genuine 'black spots' in the parish... please use the form below to record incidents, then we will compile statistics which will highlight these (for example, an infamous corner on Moss Road!) – we have an assurance action will be taken given accurate statistical evidence.

Similarly, we have an agreement in principle to our part-funding traffic calming actions and a 'Speed Watch' campaign : our objective is to implement improvements ourselves where Borough funding is not available within a reasonable timeframe.

Accident Report Form

Location : *(Please be exact as possible : give roadnames, landmarks, field numbers etc where possible)*

Date & time of incident

: _____

Road / Weather conditions:

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

: _____

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

...And Cleaner!!!!

Similarly, if you are aware of illegal tipping, please complete the simple form below : we will do the rest...

Tipping Report Form

Location : *(Please be exact as possible : give roadnames, landmarks, field numbers etc where possible)*

Date & time:

Vehicles involved (Registration numbers, if known)

Incident details / type of tipping

Your name / contact number *(Both optional)*

Please call Charlie Pointon on 01260 274891 or post to:
'The Hollies', Newcastle Road, Astbury, Congleton CW12 4RN