

Anstey Parish Council Annual Report May 2019 / April 2020



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Annual Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To give details of the achievements of the Parish Council over the last 12 months and to set out the Council's priorities for 2020/2021. APC is made up of 14 members and has six Committees to help carry out the work of the Parish Council and one steering group.

COVID-19 pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of all residents and we have been working under difficult circumstances. The Council took the decision to close the Jubilee Hall, although we are still able to offer a very slimmed down version of services and you can contact the Council by email clerk@ansteypc.org and telephone (0116) 236 2646. We are hopeful at the time of print that the situation is starting to return to normal. The Parish Council is available to serve the people of Anstey and it will be considering support that can be put in place for the community. If you need help or guidance do get in touch with us.

Overview

2. Over the past 12 months, the Parish Council and its staff have continued to be very active in maintaining high standards and developing its community assets within the village.
3. The main assets of the Council are:
 - The Jubilee Hall, which continues to be very well used by village organisations; (and the income continues to cover the loan interest repayments).
 - The Staddon Road Recreation Ground, which includes the 2 equipped play areas, the multi-use games area and the War Memorial.
 - The top green on Bradgate Road.
 - The lower green by the brook on Leicester Road, including the Packhorse Bridge (a scheduled ancient monument and listed building).
 - The cemetery on Groby Road.
 - Mitchells Field on Cropston Road.
 - Link Road Playing Fields, which includes the rugby pitch.
 - The Scout Hut which is leased to the local Scout Group.
 - The public toilets in The Nook car park.
 - The Public Open Space at Long Close, including the play area.
 - The Public Open Space at Millfield Close, including the play area.

- The Parish Council also maintains St Mary's Church Yard, which is a 'closed' churchyard.
 - The Car park next to the Co-op
4. The Parish Council continues to provide Christmas lights in the centre of the village.
 5. The main focus during the past 12 months has been to ensure that all of these assets are kept in good repair for the benefit of the residents of Anstey.
 6. On behalf of Leicestershire County Council the Parish Council maintains the grass verges within the village boundary.

Main Achievements in 2019/20

7. There have been a number of notable events and achievements over the past 12 months:
 - 47 planning applications have been considered in public meetings. The Parish Council continues to work hard in collating information to make planning comments on these applications.
 - The Project and Grounds Committee have been working on the following projects;
 - Community Building / Scout Hut - The long term future of the Scout hut on Leicester Road is under consideration. An options report has been looking at the various alternatives for new and improved community facilities. New drawings have been approved in principle for an extension to Jubilee Hall, a steering group has been set up that is looking into the requirement of various groups within the community that need space to hold their activities.
 - A new garden of remembrance in the cemetery on Groby Road is near completion. This offers a space for people to scatter ashes and place a plaque of remembrance.
 - A Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee has been formed from Councillors and residents of Anstey to develop the plan. This is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete.
 - A mosaic workshop was held to discuss the style of public art at the Groby Road housing estate. Julie Vernon a mosaic artist led the workshop session and the Council commissioned two pieces of art work. These will be installed on the green at the entrance to the estate once the land has been transferred to the Parish Council.
 - The re-location of the bus stop on Leicester Road is currently in the hands of Leicestershire County Council.
 - The Events Committee continue the community engagement strategy and are involved in various projects and events.

As part of the Plastic Free Status award this year APC has carried out various recycling schemes, including crisp packet, stamps and bottle top collection.

Other work organised by the Events Committee includes;

- A Litter picking event was held as part of the Great British Spring Clean
- Hanging Baskets displaying flowers throughout the summer
- Wildflower planting on Leicester Road
- Tree planting on Link Road playing fields
- Christmas Lights for the village
- Supporting other groups with their events including the Gala Committee, the Community Library and the Royal British Legion.
- Christmas Tea Party for residents of Anstey over the age of 90

The Parish Council continues to support local groups and this year have provided grants totalling £7000.00 for 13 local groups including; Anstey Chess Club, Anstey Royal British Legion, Go Getta Youth Club, Gynsill Tennis Club, Anstey Town Charity, Anstey Nomads FC – Walking Football Centre, Anstey & Glenfield Cricket Club, Anstey Lunch Club, Christmas Day Alone, Anstey Women’s Institute, Anstey Skating Group, Star Tots Toddler Group, Anstey Gala. Further grant funding at the Parish Meeting supported five local groups with grant funding totalling £1000 – these groups included Anstey Without Lycra, Anstey Lunch Club, Anstey Town Charity, Anstey Chess Club, Anstey Royal British Legion.

The Council continues to work together with other tiers of local government. Leicestershire County Council and Charnwood Borough Council on areas of work that fall under their jurisdiction. For example: highways, street lighting and planning. In particular, the Parish Council has liaised closely with LCC and CBC regarding The Nook roundabout which is currently being looked after by the developers and then the maintenance of the planting will pass to the Parish Council.

Anstey Parish Council Staff

Anstey PC has a total of eight members of staff to carry out the work of the Council. The administrative team consist of the: Clerk to the Council - Liz Hawkes, Deputy Clerk – Megan Sutcliffe and the Administrative Officer – Judith Geary.

The Grounds team includes; Trevor Jones, Richard Jordan, Richard French and Neil Wright

There have been changes within the ancillary staff at the Council with Esther Brown leaving in October 2019 and John Dowling left in March 2020. The Council was saddened to report the sudden death of Dean Taylor in December, Dean had worked for the Council since 2011.

Donna Brown has recently joined the Council as a Premises Operative taking over the responsibilities for cleaning and caretaking duties. This year the parish council will again be cutting the grass verges within the village and Neil Wright has been employed again this year as a seasonal grounds worker to carry out this work.

Priorities for 2020/21

8. The Parish Council continues to maintain and develop its existing assets and to acquire further assets that it considers will be beneficial to the village.

9. The Events Committee are working on a schedule of activities for the year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the GB Spring Clean has been postponed and the Party in the Park has been cancelled.
10. The priorities for the Parish Council are usually considered after their Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.
11. The Council currently have the following as their priorities:
 - To continue work with Davidsons Homes for the transfer of land at Groby Road, this includes public open space, an extension to the cemetery, an allotment site and balancing pond.
 - To consider the long term future of the Scout Building on Leicester Road and the requirements for the 40th Leicester Scouts within Anstey. Continued work by the Steering Group to discuss the village requirements.
 - The Parish Council are looking at the option to extend the Jubilee Hall to meet the needs of the Scouts and other groups within the village
 - To consider the Bus Stop Relocation from Leicester Road to help the flow of traffic in the Nook. A public consultation was carried out and the information gathered was submitted to Leicestershire County Council. LCC have completed the statutory consultation and have scheduled the work to be completed. The project is to be funded by £62,000 from development contributions from the Fairhaven Farm Development
 - The Community Engagement Strategy ensures that Anstey Parish Council continues to support local groups to create a sustainable community within Anstey.
 - To provide additional outdoor recreational facilities for the people of Anstey.
 - To provide Affordable Housing, the planning application for the Gynsill Lane development suggests there is Section 106 funding available to contribute towards affordable housing within Charnwood, further clarification is required.
 - To finalise the new peace garden for the Groby Road Cemetery.
 - To produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Anstey, a Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee has begun the process.
12. However, it should be noted that, in addition to the above, the day-to-day workload of the Parish Clerk and her staff is equally important and however much we aspire to achieve the proposals outlined above, we often find that we have to wait on the actions of other organisations before we can move forward.
13. Residents will also appreciate that the possible development of other assets in the village may have to be considered to be secondary priorities.

Financial Information

14. In order to achieve its aspirations, the Parish Council has agreed to set its precept (part of the Council Tax) for 2020/21 at £292,176. This represents an increase of 2% to residents based on a Band D property (£2.26 per year 4p per week).

The main reasons for the changes to the budget were due to increased staffing costs. This is due to having well qualified staff, incremental point increases for staff wages and being a living wage employer. The other significant change is the extra income received from open space service level agreements.

15. Unaudited Accounts The following is a summary of the income and expenditure for 2019/20; this includes the sum of £279,360 raised as part of the Council Tax.

Area	Expenditure	Income
Administration (Including staff costs)	£150,870	£287,076
Jubilee Hall (Lease agreement)	£21,606	£12,295 £3,202
Public Toilets (income inc. grant from CBC & Ins)	£10,089	£4,106
Scout Hut	0	£175
Open Spaces (Including Wayleaves)	£145,791	£13,166
Cemetery	£5,102	£10,450
Anstey Project Improvements (Including Cemetery)	£57,734	£8,000

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to extend my thanks to the Clerk and staff of Anstey Parish Council for their continuing efforts to provide top quality services and facilities for the residents of the village.

In this election year I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and for all of our achievements over the past 12 months. The following Councillors decided not to stand in the May 2019 elections, Emma Bown, Ian Grogan, Melissa Hadfield, Brian Rowlinson, Deborah Taylor and Chris Tunaley.

I am pleased to welcome new Councillors to the Council who are already working to improve the lives of residents in Anstey; Stuart Booth, Grant Cotton, Dave Parker, Kathy Peake, Murray Peat, Lee Potter and Matt Rogers.

Martin Broomhead
Chairman of the Parish Council

At the annual meeting on May 19th 2020 Martin decided to stand down as Chairman having stood for a total of thirteen years. Under his Chairmanship the Council has grown in strength working as a proactive organisation for the benefit of Anstey residents. His knowledge on highways matters and interest in planning have produced robust and well informed responses on planning consultations.

Martin will remain on the Council as Vice-Chairman and continue to support the Council and residents of Anstey.

Councillor attendance at meetings

Year	Total Number of Meetings Held	% of Councillor attendance at meetings	Percentage of Councillor Apologies for meetings	% Councillors absent from meetings
2012/2013	20	74%	20%	6%
2013/2014	17	78%	16%	6%
2014/2015	17	83%	17%	0
2015/2016	18	85%	15%	0
2016/2017	16	87%	13%	0
2017/2018	17	85%	15%	0
2018/2019	17	83%	15%	2%
2019/2020	17	88%	12%	0

The Public and Press are invited to attend the meeting of the Parish Council which start at 7.30 at the Jubilee Hall. Committee meetings start at 7pm, only meetings of the Staffing Committee are not open to the public.

Month	Date	Meeting
May 2020	19	Annual Meeting / Full Council
	26	Project & Grounds Committee – 1st quarterly meeting
June 2020	9	Full Council
	30	Full Council
July 2020	21	Full Council
August 2020	11	Full Council
September 2020	1	Full Council
	15	Events Committee – 2nd quarterly meeting
	22	Full Council
October 2020	13	Full Council
	20	Project & Grounds Committee – 2nd quarterly meeting
November 2020	3	Full Council
	10	Staffing Committee
	17	Events Committee – 3rd quarterly meeting
	24	Full Council
December 2020	1	Finance Committee
	15	Full Council
January 2021	5	Full Council
	12	Finance Committee
	19	Project & Grounds Committee 3rd quarterly meeting
	26	Full Council
February 2021	9	Events Committee – 4th quarterly meeting
	16	Full Council
March 2021	9	Full Council

	16 23 30	Staffing Committee Project & Grounds Committee 4th quarterly meeting Full Council
April 2021	20 20	Full Council Parish Meeting

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