

# Anstey Parish Council

## Annual Report

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## **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 2021/2022. APC is made up of 14 Councillors and has six Committees to help carry out the work of the Parish Council as well as one sub-committee, a working party and a steering group.

## **COVID-19 pandemic**

The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives of all residents and like many we have been working under difficult circumstances. The Council took the decision to close the Jubilee Hall at the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. The Jubilee Hall has been closed for most of the year and some staff have been working remotely. Services have continued and the Council can be contacted by email [clerk@ansteypc.org](mailto:clerk@ansteypc.org) and telephone (0116) 236 2646 mobile 07458 305025 or by writing to the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall. 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 is always considering support that can be put in place for the community. If you need help or guidance do get in touch with us.

Due to the pandemic, Council meetings have been held virtually throughout the year and a total of 34 meetings have taken place in this way so that business of Council could continue.

## **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.

The main assets of the Council are:

- a. The Jubilee Hall, which will re-open as a community resource as soon as practicable.
- b. The Staddon Road Recreation Ground, which includes the 2 equipped play areas, the multi-use games area and the War Memorial.
- c. The top green on Bradgate Road.
- d. The lower green by the brook on Leicester Road, including the Packhorse Bridge (a scheduled ancient monument and listed building).
- e. The cemetery on Groby Road.
- f. Mitchells Field on Cropston Road.
- g. Link Road Playing Fields, which includes the rugby pitch.
- h. The Scout Hut which is leased to the local Scout Group.

- i. The public toilets in The Nook car park.
- j. The Public Open Space at Long Close, including the play area.
- k. The Public Open Space at Millfield Close, including the play area.
- l. The Parish Council also maintains St Mary's Church Yard, which is a 'closed' churchyard.
- m. The Car park next to the Co-op
- n. The Parish Council continues to provide Christmas lights in the centre of the village.
- o. 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
- p. The Parish Council will again be cutting and maintaining the grass verges within the village boundary on behalf of the County Council

### **Main Achievements in 2020/21**

3. There have been a number of notable events and achievements over the past 12 months:
  - a. 49 planning applications have been considered in public meetings. The Parish Council continues to work hard in collating information in order to comment on applications to Charnwood BC.
  - b. The Project and Grounds Committee have been working on the following projects;
    - Jubilee Hall – planning permission to extend the Jubilee Hall has been granted. This will provide enlarge the existing hall and add a second hall for community groups and the Scouts to use. This project is now at the stage of going out to tender to obtain detailed costings. A steering group has helped with the planning for this extension.
    - A new garden of remembrance in the cemetery on Groby Road has been completed. 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.
  - c. The Events Committee have continued to meet and attempted under covid restrictions to continue the community engagement strategy and are involved in various projects and events
    - Hanging Baskets displaying flowers throughout the summer
    - Christmas Lights for the village
    - Christmas Lights Competition
    - Gifts for Anstey residents over 90 at Christmas time
    - Planting of wildflowers at the bottom green

- d. The Parish Council continues to support local groups and this year have provided grants totalling £5070.00 to 11 local groups including; Anstey Community Library, Anstey Latimer Primary School, Anstey Local History Society, Anstey Nomads, Anstey Town Charity, Anstey Gynsill Tennis Club, Sea Cadets Navy Cadet Force, Women's Institute, Woolden Hill Primary School, St Mary's Church and Charnwood Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Council continues to work together with the 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.

### **Anstey Parish Council Staff**

4. Anstey PC has a total of eight members of staff who carry out the work of the Council. The administrative team consists 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  
Donna Brown provides ancillary and caretaking duties.

### **Priorities for 2021/22**

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.

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 again.

The priorities for the Parish Council are usually considered after their Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

5. The Council currently have the following as their priorities:
  - a. To continue to 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.
  - b. To consider the long term future of the Scout Building on Leicester Road and the requirements for the 40<sup>th</sup> Leicester Scouts within Anstey.
  - c. Continuing the work to extend the Jubilee Hall to meet the needs of the growing community.
  - d. To complete the project to relocate the Bus stop 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 funded by £62,000 from developer contributions from the Fairhaven Farm Development.

- e. The Community Engagement Strategy ensures that Anstey Parish Council continues to support local groups to create a sustainable community within Anstey.
- f. To provide additional outdoor recreational facilities for the people of Anstey and monitor and improve the playground facilities including a new piece of equipment at Staddon Road play area.
- g. To provide Affordable Housing. A recent development on Gynsill Lane provides for Section 106 funding to be available to contribute towards affordable housing within Charnwood. The Council is investigating how this can be used to provide such housing in the Parish.
- h. To produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Anstey. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee has begun this process.
- i. To improve the facilities at the Link Road playing field including upgrading the footpath connecting to the Fairhaven Farm development.

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, it is often the case that we have to wait on the actions of other organisations before we can move them forward.

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**

- 6. In order to achieve its aspirations, the Parish Council has agreed to set its precept (part of the Council Tax) for 2021/22 at £309,361. This represents an increase of 2% to residents based on a Band D property (an increase of £2.31 per year or 4p per week).

The main reasons for the changes to the budget were due to increased staffing costs. This is to ensure that the Council has well qualified, trained and rewarded staff. The Council is a living wage employer.

Unaudited Accounts The following is a summary of the income and expenditure for 2020/21; this includes the sum of £292,176 raised as part of the Council Tax for 2020/21.

<b>Area</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>
Administration (Including staff costs)	£115,276	£323,980
Jubilee Hall (Lease agreement)	£17,512	£755 £3,202
Public Toilets (income inc. grant from CBC & Ins)	£9,880	£2,622
Scout Hut	0	£175
Open Spaces (Including Wayleaves)	£169,762	£7,734
Cemetery	£5,828	£10,850
Anstey Project Improvements (Including Cemetery)	£15,086	

## **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.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support and for all they have achieved over the past 12 months.

At the annual meeting on May 19th 2020, Councillor Martin Broomhead decided to stand down as Chairman having held that position for a total of thirteen years. Under his Chairmanship the Council has grown in strength by 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 remains on the Council as Vice-Chairman and continues to support the Council and residents of Anstey.

Finally, on behalf of all at Anstey Parish Council, our heartfelt thoughts and wishes go to all residents who have suffered the loss of loved ones due to the Pandemic this year.

**Glyn McAllister**

**Chairman of Anstey Parish Council**

## 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
2020/2021	16	94%	6%	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.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
May 2021	4 24 (Mon)	Annual Meeting / Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting
June 2021	1 8 15	Full Council Events Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly meeting Project & Grounds Committee – 1 <sup>st</sup> quarterly
July 2021	6 13	Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 2nd meeting
August 2021	3 17 24	Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting Remembrance Day Sub-Committee 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting
September 2021	7 14 21 28	Full Council Events Committee – 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting Project & Grounds – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter meeting Neighbourhood Plan Committee 4th meeting
October 2021	5 12	Full Council Remembrance Day Sub-Committee 2nd meeting
November 2021	2 9 16 23 30	Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting Staffing Committee 1st Meeting Events Committee – 3rd quarterly meeting Project & Grounds Committee – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting
December 2021	7 14	Full Council Finance Committee
January 2022	4 11 18	Finance Committee Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting
February 2022	1 8 15	Full Council Events Committee – 4th quarterly meeting Project & Grounds Committee – 4 <sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting
March 2022	1 8 15	Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 7 <sup>th</sup> meeting Staffing Committee
April 2022	5 12 19	Full Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarterly meeting Parish Meeting



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