

Chairman's Annual Report

18th May 2015

It has generally been a quiet year for the Parish Council with few issues coming to the fore. Planning continues to provide the most work and during the year the application for a wind power turbine on land by Occupation Lane was the most contentious. This was thought to be resolved earlier in the year with Cheshire West and Chester refusing the application after much representation from the Parish Council and villagers. At the time of writing this report it would appear that the application has been re-submitted. Other major planning issues concerned applications in neighbouring councils; underground car storage at Stretton Airfield and the continual battle with Applejacks.

A rise to the local precept was approved and it is intended to use the additional income to fund local projects, for instance, the improvement to the village playground and local speed limit work.

The 45 bus route also provided concerns. At first it looked like the new company (GHA Coaches) may displace the existing supplier (Warrington Transport) without actually providing a service through Antrobus. This has been resolved with GHA now running through the village, but a number of issues, schedules being a good example, remain. We will continue to try to improve the situation.

I did not hold a Chairman's Charity Ball this year. One of the reasons is that there seemed to be a lot of charity functions over the year. I would like to do one next year.

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