

Antrobus Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Chairman's Report

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It's been another busy and challenging year for the Parish Council. Looking back over the year, it is surprising just how many and varied activities and issues we have been involved with. Also surprising is the length of time some of them go on for. Some examples of the PC activities this year include:

Japanese Knot Weed  
Fire Hydrants  
Busses & Bus stops  
Dog Fouling  
Road Race  
Hedge cutting & tree pruning  
Litter Pick

And the list goes on. I only mention this to highlight the importance of the Parish Council as a point of contact for the village. Every parishioner can raise the issues that are important to them and we aim to help them or resolve their issues.

The main items to be mentioned are:

Planning

Through the year there has been the regular applications for extensions, conversion of farm buildings etc. The PC over-see these applications and try to ensure they are right for the village. There have been 2 more exceptional applications this year

- i) the recent application for 15 houses near the village centre. The PC must consider whether the development as a whole is appropriate for the village and if it is, then ensure the detail delivers what is expected.
- ii) The second involves the application by Arley Estate for additional visitor capacity. This may have a big influence on our village

I must also mention the S106 on Manley Close. This issue goes on and on. We are still working on it and are determined to get it right.

Finance

You will see from the year end accounts we have spent a not inconsiderable amount of money this year and I believe achieved some lasting benefits from the projects including improvements to the playground, painting of the finger posts (about to start), 30mph signs at Frandley. All good work and we still end the year in a comfortable financial position should the reserves be needed

Other Activities

A new Parish Council website (due out in June), the on going battle for better broadband, HGV signs still being awaited, drainage in the village centre and again the list goes on.

I would like to record some thank you's.

First to Andy Dunkley. We are very sorry he is leaving the Parish Council and what a lot of good and hard work he has done for us. There is now a vacancy on the PC for which we welcome nominations.

Secondly, thanks to my Vice Chairman, Stephen Barker, for standing in for me when necessary and also for his in-depth knowledge of the planning system.

Thanks also to our Clerk, Simon Palmer. He puts in a great deal of hard work and his help and support through the year is much appreciated.

Lastly but not least, thanks to all the Parish Council members for giving up their time throughout the year not only for the regular meetings but for helping with the Queens Birthday celebrations and for all their help to organize the Chairman's Charity Ball. A fantastic £3100 was raised for Cancer charities.

So, once again, thanks for an active and successful year.  
Roger Sutton