

DUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2019

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THE PARISH COUNCIL has continued to meet regularly throughout the year and Councillors, have attended meetings of other organisations on behalf of the Council. In particular the Chairman Councillor Hargreaves has attended meetings of the Parish Council Liaison Committee, Cllr Whalley, Knowle Green Village Hall committee and Cllr Forrest LALC (Lancashire Association of Local Councils).

In May Councillor S Morris resigned from the Council as he found that work and other commitments clashed with meetings. A Notice of Casual Vacancy was advertised, no electors came forward requesting an election and so the Parish Council were pleased when Liz Parker came forward to fill the vacancy and be co-opted onto the Council.

Councillor Forrest looked into how GDPR affected the Parish Council, The Council does not need to appoint a data protection officer, following Cllr Forrest's advice the Parish have adopted the Privacy Notices advised by LALC.

Councillor Holden took on the task of trimming trees on the Dingle where they overhang Old Clitheroe Rd and also the Beech tree on the land near the bus shelter on the north end of Gallows Lane.

County Councillor David Smith has attended a number of Parish Council meetings during the year and given valuable support in reporting the continued problems with potholes and poor drainage on the parish roads. Blocked drains and fly-tipping continue to be the most frequent concerns at Parish Council Meetings. Many of the drains in Gallows Lane were cleared early in 2019.

With a new Council being elected in May, Councillor Hopwood said that she wished to stand down. She has served on the Council since May 2003. As well as being a regular attendee and contributor to Parish Council meetings she has attended many Parish Council Liaison committee meetings, so whilst she has earned her retirement she will be missed by the Council.