

Report from the Chair of Trawden Forrest Parish Council – Karen Galvin

Over the past year the single most important issue that will affect the future of the whole Parish for generations to come has been gaining conservation Landscape status. Although in reality this means conservation not just preservation, the conservation area status will have to be taken into consideration when any planning applications are made.

The Parish Council has been involved in a vigorous campaign to improve road safety in the area resulting in several meetings with representatives from LCC and Pendle Council. This next year should see some benefit from these meetings.

At the same time the council has been campaigning to reduce the amount of nuisance caused by dog fouling.

Improvements to Well Head Winewall are underway and improvements to Ballgrove car park are now completed.

This year we have seen a number of contentious planning applications and the Parish Council has continued to support residents with concerns over a variety of issues.

The Coming Year

We will continue to support local residents, the school and voluntary organisations as part of the Parish plan. We will endeavour to encourage people to become more involved in local projects that will enhance the community.

We will continue with the road safety campaign to raise awareness and seek more improvements.

We will be dogged in our pursuit of dog owners who continue to cause a nuisance to others and continue with the ongoing campaign.

Unlike some Parish Councils our meetings are open meetings where everyone is given the opportunity to express their concerns and voice their views. Although this has extended the length of the meetings it is a practice that I think should and must continue.

Residents of Winewall, Cottontree, Wycoller and Trawden have a right to address this council and to have their say on whatever issues matter to them. I feel confident that because we welcome local involvement the performance of Trawden Forest Parish Council is greatly improved and enhanced as a result.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trawden Forest Parish Councillors for the time and effort they have contributed over the past year. The villages of Trawden, Winewall, Wycoller and Cottontree are served by conscientious, community minded Councillors who take their responsibilities very seriously.

Parish Councillors represent the area they serve as volunteers and I know this year in particular has been a difficult one, the rewards can be few and far between and we are often left wondering why we put ourselves through this month after month.

The rewards however are personal to each one of us depending on our individual interests, I believe seeing a particular project through to conclusion and improving the area in which we live is the ultimate reward for every one of us. Because we work together for the benefit of the whole Parish we do eventually achieve our objectives whether it takes a few weeks, a few months or in some cases several years to complete a project.

Without your commitment, enthusiasm and hard work Trawden Forest Parish Council would not be as efficient or effective.

I would also like to thank Alison for the competent and professional way She carries out the duties of Parish Clerk, which makes my job as Chair a lot easier.

Finally, I am sure I speak for all members of the Council when I say we look forward to the challenges of the year ahead.