

ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL , ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

This is the end of my first year as chairman. I wish to thank all of the councillors for their support over this year. The balance in our bank account is looking healthier and we will continue to work towards having the equivalent of one year's precept in reserve. For this I wish to thank our Parish Clerk, Denise, without her help it would have been much harder.

We have continued to ensure that the village green, the churchyard (regular 'tidy ups' have also been arranged) and the grass outside the Memorial Hall have been kept mown over the years 6 month growing period. New trees have been planted on the green to replace the ones we have lost and further plantings have been made to ensure a good stock to replace future losses.

We have been working to ensure that we can stop HGV's coming into the village and have been in contact with Urban & Civic who have agreed to pay for village entrance features to try and stop these vehicles entering Alconbury.

We have had the exit from Rusts Lane onto the High Street improved to try and stop any future collisions at the junction.

A new speed limit of 40 mph has been introduced between Alconbury and Alconbury Weston. This has been achieved with the help of a grant from the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Trust and contributions from both Parish Councils.

We have been working with Highways England to get the best for our village with the new A14 design. We have been promised that the road past the village will have a quiet surface treatment and the fence alongside us will be extended and made higher to help reduce the noise further.

We also still invite local groups who need financial assistance for any local projects to apply through the Parish Council's Small Grants scheme. This year we helped the Guide group and the local Toddler group.

We have been running with a low number of councillors and need to drum up some more. We lost Eileen Elphick earlier this year as she stood down through ill health. But she sadly passed away on the 5th of May and some of our councillors attended her funeral earlier today.

We will be continuing to work for the best interests of Alconbury and its residents, and if there are any problems that require airing please come along to our meeting, we have an allotted space at the beginning of the meeting for you to air any issues one may have.

Thanks again to the councillors who work very hard through the year and do a very good job.

Roger Sale - Chairman