

# ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Another year as chairman, my second, has gone by. I wish to thank all my fellow councillors again for another year of support. We have been working with two councillors down for some time now, but I think we have been doing alright, but we need to get our numbers up.

Our meetings each month are attended by our County and District Councillors to whom I would like to extend out thanks for their valuable input and support.

We have got over the bad financial times and now have a healthy bank balance with the equivalent of one years' precept in reserve. I would like to thank Denise, our clerk, yet again for all her hard work for getting us to this stage.

We have continued, as always, to make sure that the village is kept tidy by keeping the grass cut on the green and now we are also looking after the grass verges belonging the CCC around the village, with the help of a grant from them. There are also some 'orphan sites' in Manor Lane and Bramble End that we have taken over the maintenance of, as no-one has taken responsibility for, although I do thank some villagers for keeping their local areas tidy.

We are still having problems with unwelcome visitors in very large lorries, these need reporting to the police along with their company name and registration number.

We are still having big problems with dog mess, people must keep an eye on their pets and clear up after them.

I would also like to thank Steve, our tree warden, for his hard work keeping an eye on our trees, on the green and in the orchard. He has attended the Tree Forum and spent a lot of time corresponding with HDC for new trees etc.

We have also had representation on The Environmental Agency's flood prevention scheme, to ensure plans are in place to avoid future problems.

We have been in constant consultation with Urban & Civic with their development plans and their help with our new signage around the village.

A Parish plan is also being drafted by Lucy Isles, this will be out as a questionnaire on the internet and possibly presented in the flesh at the village fete.

We will continue to keep the best interests of the villagers at heart as we enter the next year and hope that any issues they may have will be brought to our attention in Public Forum at the beginning of our monthly meetings.

Thanks again to my fellow councillors for all their hard work through the year.

Roger Sale - Chairman