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## ANSLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## Anslow Village Hall, Main Road, Anslow on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.30pm

# **Anslow Parish Council Attendance Members of the Public & Organisations**

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| Cllr Frank Thompstone, Chair | 16 members of the Public |
| Cllr David Page, Vice Chair Cllr Laura Hall | Philip Rayson, Staffordshire County Council (SCC) |
| Cllr John Tomlinson | Cllr Philip White, Staffordshire County Councillor |
| Cllr Paul Joyce |  |
| Mrs Judy Tjon Soei Len,  Clerk to Anslow Parish Council |  |

Frank Thompstone introduced himself as Chair of Anslow Parish Council and introduced the Parish Councillors and Clerk and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2018/APM/1 Apologies for Absence**    
Cllrs Duncan Goodfellow and Simon Gaskin, East Staffordshire Borough Councillor, Parish Councillor Anne Greer, Ann Lowe and Tom Frankland.

**2018/APM/2 Minutes of the Previous Anslow Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May 2017**Draft copies had been emailed to parishioners after the meeting and hard copies were available to view at this meeting. They were proposed by Cllr Paul Joyce and seconded by Mr John Lanham and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

**2018/APM/3 Reports for the Parish Council**

1. **Chair’s Report** (Copy of report attached)
2. **Financial Report** (Copy of report attached)

Copies of the Balance Sheet and Financial Statement were circulated to those present. The Clerk read out the summary.

1. **Planning Report** (Copy of report attached)

Cllr Joyce read through the dialogue with applicants and parishioners are encouraged in the public participation section of the meeting.   
Cllr Joyce referred to a question raised about the proposed Beamhill Grange Development which has the name of Anslow in its planning application address. General feeling from the meeting was that the use of the word Anslow was not appropriate for a development on Beamhill. A suggestion was made to have an area called Anslow Village as we already have an area called Anslow Gate. Cllr Joyce explained that the Beamhill Road development is in the LOCALITY of Anslow and the application address is therefore correct. However objections can be raised with SCC and the Royal Mail if planning permission is granted. Cllr Thompstone agreed that the Parish Council would discuss this further at their July meeting with a proposal to raise an objection to the use of Anslow in the address, if the application is permitted.

**2018/APM/4 Traffic & Highways Matters in Anslow**  
i) The Chair advised the meeting that 2 traffic surveys had recently been conducted on Hopley Road in response to request from residents. Richard Rayson (RR), Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager for East Staffordshire and Stafford Borough explained the findings of the reports. There is a possiblity of Section 106 monies being released from Outwoods Farm development to assist with traffic calming measures in Anslow. These funds have to be used to offset the effects of a new development in a nearby area. RR will investigate and report back to the parish council.

RR answered questions from the public relating to the types of traffic calming measures available and how effective they were including - chicanes and village gateways. He recommended that a SERIES of traffic calming measures be considered, not one in isolation, as that would cause an increase in traffic speeds, not a reduction (as in Abbots Bromley).

Members of the public stated the following concerns

1. The size of the village school was due to double in the next 2 years which would bring extra traffic into the centre of the village.
2. Cars are double parking on Main Road, speeding through the village, dropping off children by the side of the road without correct supervision
3. Damaging soft verges by driving over and parking on them at school pick up times.
4. Another resident stated that 150 cars a day were going over the speed limit on Hopley Road.
5. Road markings from Hopley Road to the village hall was highlighted as needing reinstating as no visible centre line to guide motorists safely through the village. RR will report this. (Clerk stated that she had already put a report in).
6. Grave concern about the dangerous driving and excessive speeding along Main Road and request made for traffic calming to be introduced near to the village hall.
7. Another parishioner asked for “small gates” on the grass verges, to be erected at the entrance to the village.
8. Other options to encourage safer driving were mentioned eg road bollards with child images on and the positioning of planters and trees along highways.
9. Suggestion made that gateways to be used as traffic calming measures should be made of wood to differentiate between this and the existing brick Gateway planters

APC were asked to progress this feedback at their next meeting.

Cllr White said he would also pursue Section 106 monies with RR to address Anslow’s traffic concerns. RR offered to check volume counts on Main Road.

b) RR gave an overview of current position with regards to repair of pot holes with 3 Roadmaster machines which blast tar and chippings into potholes and are then compacted with layers of bitumen. Other “cut and patching” repairs are also available for smaller holes. He confirmed that work on Bell House Lane potholes has been raised and is awaiting inspection. He confirmed that there had been capital investment in recruiting additional crew members into the repair teams.

RR was asked to inspect the entire B5107 road area from Henhurst through to Grange Street as it is inundated with potholes.

Cllr Philip White raised point that the Local Government budgets had been cut but the Business rates from local companies are still kept by Central Government and as yet those monies have not been returned to local Government budgets.

RR was thanked by the Chair for attending the meeting and for his support and recommendations.

c) Flooding of Allotments and Hopley Road

The Chair highlighted a longstanding problem of flooding on Hopley Bends (Road) which extends across the allotments. APC are responsible for the surrounding ditch and for keeping the outlet clear however the site is still flooding despite highways investigations last year. RR confirmed that when ditch enters pipe it then becomes the responsibility of SCC. As neither the ditch nor the outlet is the cause of the flooding, RR will forward this onto the correct SCC team and will keep APC informed of actions to prevent future flooding. RR then withdrew from the meeting.

**2018/APM/5 Community Paths Initiative and Litter Picking in Anslow**

Report was read out by the Clerk. (attached)

**2018/APM/6** To receive the **Reports from Councillors and Local Organisations** (Reports attached)

a) Staffordshire County Council

b) East Staffordshire Borough Council

c) Holy Trinity Church

d) Anslow Village Hall Committee `

e) Anslow’s Women’s Institute

f) Julia Wells, PCSO, Staffordshire Police

g) The Mosley Academy

**2018/APM/7 Rolleston United Foundation Grants**

The Clerk read out the notice offering a grant which is available to Year 13 students living in Anslow and Rolleston, if they are continuing in education. Contact the Clerk for details.

**2018/APM/8 Broadband Update**

Cllr Joyce explained that the next phase of work for upgrading Broadband to faster fibre in outlying parts of the parish is ongoing wiith completion by end of 2018. These areas include Stockley Park, Blackbrook, Harehills Farm and Bell House Lane. BT are however still looking for solutions to get those in the parish who have not thus far been upgraded, actioned.

**2018/APM/9 Questions on Village Matters**

Q1: Tractors and trailers at harvest time are being driven dangerously through the village from early morning till late at night. Parishioner advised to alert PCSO Julia Wells to investigate. APC will also report any incidents.

Q2: Village Parking. Parishioners have been verbally abused by drivers parking across driveways when collecting/dropping off children to school. Cars have been parked on double yellow lines. Advice was given to take vehicle registration numbers and email them to the PCSO or to the Clerk to forward on.

Cllr White expressed his concern about child safety and urged members to report concerns about issues to the police and the Head Teacher.

Q3: Dog Fouling is a problem again. Advice given was to report this to Environmental Health Department at East Staffordshire Borough Council.

**2018/APM/10**

Acknowledgements and thanks were given by Cllr David Page, to Frank Thompstone for chairing the meeting and to Judy Tjon Soei Len for her work as Clerk.

With that, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and supporting the meeting and for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.45pm and invited all to stay for a glass of wine.

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**Frank Thompstone, Chair Date**

**CHAIR’S REPORT  
MAY 23rd 2018 - ANNUAL ANSLOW PARISH MEETING**

**Welcome to All Present**   
  
**Projects**: Anslow Parish Council Website went live last November

**Councillor Vacancy** – currently have a vacancy to co-opt our 7th Councillor after the resignation of Tom Frankland

**Remembrance Service:** As 2018 is the 100th Commemorative Year we will not be holding our usual Remembrance Service at the Remembrance Garden in the village as we are joining together with Holy Trinity Church in their special service. We will resume the service in the village next year as usual. Many thanks to Carol Webster for conducting the service this year and to all those who attended, particularly the children from Mosley Academy  
  
**Grants** received in 2017/18:-   
i) £400 from ESBC for 7 new planters on Hopley Road  
ii) £450 2nd NALC (National Association for Local Councils) grant for new website

**Donations and Financial Contributions**  
i) **£25 to Mosley Academy** for Pride of Mosley Award – The Award is to recognise a pupil who has shown true courage, hard work and determination in supporting others, or making a valuable contribution to community and/or school life  
ii) **£50 to Burton Amateur Swimming Club**. The Parish Council support this club based at Burton Meadowside Leisure Centre, as many members live in the parish or attend Mosley Academy  
iii) **£25 to John Taylor High School** to support their Special Award Presentation Evening  
iv) **£100 to Holy Trinity Church**   
v) **Village Hall WI-FI provision** is a project which is currently being investigated and a costing analysis undertaken by the Village Hall Committee. APC have offered to part fund the initial set up costs and donate £300 per annum to offset part of the monthly Broadband charge.

**APC working in Partnership with Staffs County Council (SCC) & East Staffs Borough Council (ESBC)**  
- Hopley Road **Traffic Surveys** carried out this year by SCC  
- **Reports** raised with SCC on-line for potholes, blocked drains, flooding etc. Members of the public are also encouraged to report these faults on-line  
- **Fly tipping** is getting increasingly more common on Longhedge, Nankirk and Hanbury Road due to costs now levied on some materials at local waste management sites. However ESBC are responding to our calls very promptly. If you see any evidence of fly- tipping, please report these to direct to ESBC or to Judy, our Clerk.   
- **NHT** **(Neighbourhood Highways Team)** – these crews have now been withdrawn due to SCC funding cuts and the following works will now have to be considered for funding from the Parish Council budget

* Removal of low hanging branches obstructing footways
* Clearance of drainage area/ditches
* Removal of tree and hedge growth obscuring traffic signs
* Strim and remove grass and weeds at the base of visibility fences at bends and junctions

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**   
**The Armillary Sphere** in the Remembrance Garden was repaired and repointed this year and moles from around that area were “removed”.  
All **planters** were re-stocked Spring and late Summer last year in various locations around the Parish.

**Allotments** - currently 13 plots are taken and one plot has recently come available. Issue ongoing regarding flooding from adjacent ditch and underground pipe, which dramatically affected some of the plots this year again.

**Defibrillator –** this is located on the wall outside the Bell Inn. Thanks to John Lanham for being our Defibrillator Guardian and for regularly checking the unit for us.  
  
**….and a Note of Thanks to all our Volunteers**Thanks to the many volunteers who water and care for the flower displays and to those parishioners who mow various stretches of grass verge around the village. In particular, thanks to Rob Lucas for mowing the village green and Headley Bannister for strimming the verges in-between the flower meadow and the School.   
Thanks to all the litter pickers who regularly work around the village.   
Thanks to Cllr Greer, Phil Tomlinson, Amanda McGreal and other members of the WI working party who again worked on the flower meadow opposite Leyfields.  
  
**Internal Audit** – thanks to ex-councillor Peter Cawood for again carrying out the internal audit of the parish council’s accounts   
  
**The Parish Councillors** – thanks to our Councillors who contribute in their own areas. It should be noted that all positions are done on a voluntary basis and thanks to Judy, our Clerk. Again the Chair repeated the recognition for the huge amount of work carried out by Tom Frankland in regard to Community Paths Initiative, Litter Picking and Planning matters.

**ANSLOW PARISH COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018**

**Overview**

Finances for the year to 31st March 2018 remained stable. Our bank receipts decreased by just over £1000 from last year to a closing total of **£8,441**, and our total expenditure during the year was **£8,723** which was nearly £900 less than last year. This was due to less projects requiring funding this year compared to last. However, we were successful in obtaining a £400 Staffordshire Community Fund grant from East Staffordshire Borough Councillors Simon Gaskin and Duncan Goodfellow, which was matched by £400 from our Community Fund to provide 7 new planters on Hopley Road. We also obtained a 2nd grant for £450 for the creation of our new Website from NALC (National Association of Local Councils).

Due to the closure of the Yorkshire Bank in Burton, our bank funds were transferred to the TSB and are held across 3 accounts:-   
- Treasurer’s Account – Balance £4702.46 (as at 31.3.18)  
- Savings Account – Balance £3,357.18  
- The Community Fund – Balance £502.28

Regular bank reconciliations for the 3 Anslow Parish Council accounts are carried out and are presented to the full Parish Council at every meeting, budgets are reviewed and appropriate recommendations made.   
 **Expenditure**

Our total expenditure during the year was **£8,723**. Expenses included re-stocking village planters, maintenance of the Remembrance Garden and the Val Lydon Memorial Garden, laptop repair, website consultancy advice and development, purchase of tools and equipment for the Community Paths Initiative and Litter picking volunteers, donations to John Taylor, Mosley Academy, Holy Trinity Church, Burton Swimming Club and Little Forest Project on Longhedge Lane. VAT incurred during 2017/18 totalled £222 and will be reclaimed in due course.

Donations and Section 137 Payments: Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish and Town Councils to spend up to £7.57 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31st March 2018 was £4,814. Payments included:-

**John Taylor High School - £25 Mosley Academy School - £25 Holy Trinity Church - £100**  
**Burton Swimming Club - £50 = Total £200**

**Income**

Our total income during the year was **£8,441**. The majority of this came from the Parish precept £6949 (which included £148 of Council Tax Grant from ESBC). We were successful in obtaining a £400 Staffordshire Community Fund grant which was matched by £400 from our Community Fund to provide 7 new planters installed on Hopley Road. We also obtained a 2nd grant for £450 for the creation of our new Website from NALC (National Association of Local Councils).

Our income was also supported by the allotment rents of £363 and recovery of VAT from 2016/17 for £153 and we received a £25 donation from Anslow Garden Club.

Looking forward, we anticipate more spend on areas of general maintenance which have previously been carried out by Staffordshire County Council’s Highways Team at their cost. This facility has now been withdrawn and this maintenance and cost will fall upon the parish council in future.

Our 2018/19 budget estimates a £1,000 additional cost for this maintenance and the Parish Council decided to increase the annual precept by £500 with the remainder from its own funds.

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| **ANSLOW PARISH COUNCIL** | | | |  | |
| **BALANCE SHEET  YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018** | | | |  | |
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| **EXPENDITURE April 2017 - March 2018** |  |  | |  | |
| Clerks Salary |  | £ 3,378.00 | |  | |
| Clerk's & Councillors' Expenses |  | £ 587.00 | |  | |
| Council Expenses |  | £ 1,182.00 | |  | |
| Training, Conferences and Memberships |  | £ 538.00 | |  | |
| Planters, allotments, Village Maintenance |  | £ 1,885.00 | |  | |
| Projects including Refurbishment of Telephone Box & installation of new Bus Shelter |  | £ 721.00 | |  | |
| Miscellaneous including Donations |  | £ 210.00 | |  | |
| VAT |  | £ 222.00 | |  | |
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| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** |  |  | | **£8,723.00** | |
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| **INCOME April 2017 - March 2018** |  | **£** | |  | |
| **Precept (including ESBC CT Grant £148)** |  | **£ 6,949.00** | |  | |
| **Allotment Rents** |  | **£ 363.00** | |  | |
| **Allotment Insurance Premium** |  | **£ 100.00** | |  | |
| **Grants & Miscellaneous** |  | **£ 1,028.00** | |  | |
| National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Website Grant | £ 450.00 | |  | |  | |
| Staffs County Council - Hopley Road Planters | £ 400.00 | |  | |  | |
| VAT | £ 153.00 | |  | |  | |
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| Contribution from Garden Club for Flower Meadow | £ 25.00 | |  | |  | |
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| Interest on A/cs 50483760 and 50484568 |  | **£ 1.51** | |  | |
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| **TOTAL INCOME** |  |  | | **£8,441.51** | |
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| **Net Outflow for the Year** |  |  | | **-£ 281.49** | |
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| **Statement of Balances** |  |  | |  | |
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| Opening Cash Book Balance |  | £8,533.21 | |  | |
| Total Income |  | £8,441.60 | |  | |
| Total Expenditure |  | £8,723.00 | |  | |
| **Current Cash Book Position** |  |  | | **£8,251.81** | |
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| **Bank Statements (at 31.3.18)** |  |  | |  | |
| TSB Treasurers Account 50483760 |  | £ 4,702.46 | |  | |
| TSB Savings Account 50484160 |  | £ 3,357.18 | |  | |
| TSB Community Fund 50484568 |  | £ 502.28 | |  | |
|  |  |  | | £ 8,561.92 | | |
| Unpresented Cheques up to 31.3.18 |  |  | | £ 310.38 | | |
| **Banking Position** |  |  | | **£8,251.54** | | |
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| **Unpresented Cheques up to 31.3.18** |  |  | |  | |
| Information Commissioners Office Registration Fee | £ 35.00 | |  | |  | | |
| Staffordshire Parish Councils Associ Membership | £ 228.00 | |  | |  | | |
| Tag Sports Volunteers Equipment | £ 47.38 | |  | |  | | |
| **TOTAL** | **£ 310.38** | |  | |  | | |
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| Budget & finance/balance sheet year ending 31 March 2018 |  |  | |  | |

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| **PLANNING REPORT** |  |  |  |

1. Planning forms a very important part of APC work.
2. The Planning Committee is currently chaired by myself, meetings are held every 4-6 weeks, depending on applications received.
3. We are required to present a minimum of 3 Councillors, including myself, in order to review and respond correctly to applications.
4. We try to hold all meetings here, consistently at 6.30pm. The first   
   15 minutes of every meeting is held open for members of the public/applicants and interested parties to attend and comment.
5. We have developed a set formula which we follow in our response to ESBC to ensure consistency.
6. Over the past 12 months we have received 27 separate applications and have responded to them all.

The applications over the past 12 months have varied considerably from small extensions, larger developments, such as Hill Top Farm, changes of use, such as The Burnt Gate, new dwellings from in fill such as Poplars Farm and green field developments such as Anslow Eggs.

1. One issue I would like to mention under planning is the naming of the proposed development at Outwoods/Beamhill Road. The proposed name for this development is Beamhill Grange, Anslow. A parishioner wrote to APC about this subject and we discussed it and contacted the Royal Mail. It seems that Anslow is used for Beamhill addresses as it is in the locality of Anslow and they saw no reason to change it. Further down the hill it actually changes to Stretton. Do any parishioners present have a view?

**The Community Paths Initiative (CPI)**

The Community Paths Initiative continued to progress last year under the solid supervision of Tom Frankland, who regrettably recently resigned as one of our Parish Councillors.

Tom regularly reported to the parish council about his very productive mornings/afternoons - sometimes working alone, but often with the help of his volunteer colleagues, in particular Brendan McGreal.

To facilitate this work, a SCC grant for £400 had been secured for the purchase of necessary tools and protective clothing for the volunteers.

Tom and his team regularly worked on our footpaths and bridleways, widening tracks so that walkers could navigate past the heavily rutted and flooded sections particularly on Whitestone and Outwoods Lane. Please have a look at the 'before' and 'after' photographs on our display.

CPI Work has included:-

* clearing back nettles and encroaching vegetation along the bridleways
* clearing stiles on footpaths
* Strimming surface vegetation
* Repositioning signposts so that they point in the right direction!
* Clearing scrub, cutting back brambles on paths and bushes through woodland
* Reporting damaged stiles for repair / replacement to SCC
* Liaising with local landowners to obtain permission to work on their land to gain access to work on problem areas and to replace or fit new Rights of Way waymark discs to improve the signage on certain routes

Tom was also a key force behind many on and off- site meetings with Staffordshire County Council’s Rights of Way team, in a bid to get damaged sections of Outwoods Lane and Whitestone Lane restored. This resulted in a positive outcome at the end of last year when SCC confirmed that there was a good possibility of resources being available to carry out surface improvements on the worst affected areas….. although the extent was dependant on the quotations for the work and the amount left in the Rights of Way budget. So Watch this space!

All the footpaths and bridleways in the vicinity of the village were cleared last year and were walkable. Many areas of narrow, unpleasant and overgrown paths leading through nettles, high vegetation and overhanging trees were transformed to open tree-lined avenues.

Our grateful thanks go to Tom, Brendan and their team for their excellent efforts last year in their continued efforts in keeping our footpaths passable and our stiles well maintained for all to use (even though some of them do represent a bit of a challenge to the less than athletic amongst us!).

We hope that Tom may be able to continue in a lesser capacity with this project this year, but we acknowledge his other commitments, so we would welcome volunteers to start the work again this year.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please come and speak to me or one of the Councillors.

**LITTER PICKING REPORT 2018**

We have been very fortunate in Anslow, particularly over the last year, to have a strong community spirit which is most apparent in our litter picking volunteers.

At present we have 15 volunteers (including one of our Borough Councillors) and two sets of Duke of Edinburgh students removing the litter from around our village ranging in age from the young to the not so young….!

It should be noted that East Staffordshire Borough Council have generously given us supplies of heavy duty gloves, bags and a few pickers. We thank them for this support. However our band of happy volunteers have outstripped my supply, so my next task is to order more equipment including more litter pickers…. as I have another volunteer waiting in the wings to cover the Hanbury Road area.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers for their time and commitment in keeping our parish clean. Thanks to them all.

**2017-2018 Annual report of Anslow Women's Institute   
for Anslow Parish Council**

**Introduction**

Thank you for inviting us to give our third report to the Parish Council. Anslow WI is part of the National Federation of Women's Institutes; our members hail from the local surrounds including Anslow, Beamhill Road, Stretton, Rolleston on Dove; we meet on the second Tuesday evening of the month in Anslow Village Hall.

The WI commemorative flower meadow opposite the Anslow memorial garden continues, although the enthusiasm with which it was first set up has diminished somewhat and its management is increasingly falling on fewer people.

**The past year**

Our membership is regularly changing, this year’s membership stands at 52, one member has left and we have had 21 new members. Approximately 85% of members have e-mail through which all information is cascaded by our secretary, and a monthly printed newsletter informs the remainder of the members.

We do tend to make and also eat rather a lot of very nice cakes and celebrated our 71st anniversary with an afternoon tea with Katherine Swinford (aka Leslie Smith) at Tutbury Castle. We have also had a very pleasant dinner at Branston Golf & Country club celebrating the 70th Group Anniversary.

Our current project is to grow some oak tree sapllings for a WI centenary wood. So if anyone would like some oak tree saplings, I am sure we will have one or two spare. Our speakers programme has included some poetry readings, a banker’s life, massage, a fish and chip supper and basket making.

Our Christmas meeting was very amply and attractively catered for by Claire Beard (who is more used to feeding rugby players), and we had a delightful time with a magician, pass the parcel, Christmas robin competition and a back to front raffle

**Charity work**

Last year we raised a substantial sum for our nominated charity Friends of Fountains, this year we agreed to concentrate on raising funds for our own Institute by holding another Edinburgh Woollen Mill fashion show, bring & buys at two of our meetings and a fun quiz.

Every October we hold a collection for ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), this year sending £33.50 to our Staffordshire Federation, towards a project to benefit women aged 15-25 years living round the municipal garbage dump in Guatemala.

Having suffered a glitch in providing St Giles with cakes last year due to onerous baking conditions set by their catering department, we will now be looking for a different way to support them.

As well as the usual YMCA donations and the Christmas shoe box appeal, we put together a couple of boxes of goodies to support the 2nd Battalion The Mercian Regiment deployed in South Sudan and Iraq.

**Resolution** this year is ‘Mental Health Matters’**.** This will be voted upon at the Annual General meeting to be held in Cardiff in June.

**Committee**

Our committee currently stands at 9. Any member is welcome to join the committee and anyone on the committee is also eligible to be nominated as President. This year we are expecting two resignations -our current president who has served her three year term and has decided to let some new blood take over the reins

**Future**

We would be delighted to see new members; if you are interested, you may attend 2 meetings free of charge.

**Amanda McGreal**

**President**

**PCSO Julia Wells, Staffordshire Police**

In her absence, the Clerk read out the following statement

**Beware of Telephone Fraud**

i) Telephone calls from individuals claiming to be from HMRC stating that "there is a warrant out for your arrest" and asking for money to be sent.

ii) Telephone calls from individuals claiming to be a police officer stating "you can help catch a fraudster by transferring money to an account."

iii) Repair work carried out and excessively high charges made eg for work (fencing, guttering and fascia etc.).  One person was charged £18000 for work that should've cost only £2000.

Police advice for these calls is to put the phone down immediately and call 101 for advice and reassurance.  Police control room know about all the types of fraud. Cold callers at the door should always be sent away. Always ask friends and family for recommendations if you need work done.

**2017/2018 Annual report of Anslow Village Hall**

**Introduction**

The Village Hall continues to be the centre for 6 fitness classes both morning and evening as well as the WI, Gardening society, Holy Trinity Church fund raising events, Anslow Players, Parish Council meetings and a polling station.. Unfortunately we lost our Zumba Gold and Monday afternoon karate sessions although a local choir, Friday Voices, have the hall on a Friday night. We occasionally have enquiries for regular weekday evening bookings but there are no available slots and no-one seems to want a Sunday evening. The hall is a popular venue for children's parties including indoor bouncy castles and pony rides. We have had a wedding plus another due, christening and a confirmation, and several adult birthday parties. Generally we do not accept teenage or young adult party bookings.

A group of Anslow families and friends hired the hall for a New Year's Eve party; which we felt was a great use of the hall. Recent enquiries include antenatal classes, karate sessions and a playgroup

**Committee and booking fees**

The committee of 7 meet regularly as required and I should like to express my thanks to them all for their support during the year. I am very grateful to partners of our committee members who provide their help at various levels.

Hiring fees remain unchanged at £6 for regulars and £10 for occasional bookings

**Maintenance and repairs**

We have replaced 2 hall heaters, and fitted a new water heater and wall heater in the ladies toilet. Electrical work includes replacement of several emergency lights and one heater switch. We have recently had the failure of a door closure and we do get minor damage resulting from some hiring situations all of which need attention. We have also had blocked drains and envisage some considerable expense in making reparation to the drainage system.

Our cleaner continues to do an excellent job keeping the hall clean.

**Grants**

We made application for a WASP grant for the electrical repairs with no success

**Fundraising events**

Following an absence of a couple of years a Live and Local event: about Amy Johnson was held in April. This was tremendously successful and enjoyable and raised over £400 for the hall; we have an excellent comedian booked for 29th September this year, so please make a note in your diaries.

Our bank account had to be moved to another provider as the result of a branch closure, this was rather a laborious process but is now working adequately.

**Health and Safety**

Two manhole covers will need to be replaced as part of our drainage repairs.

**Future plans**

We have had enquiries from the Parish Council regarding the provision of Wifi in the hall however this needs a careful cost benefit analysis.

We need to be compliant with data protection and this is work in progress.

The hall is due to be decorated and as always, additional committee members would be welcome! We will continue to maintain and improve the Hall and envisage it to continue to be well utilised by the Anslow community.

**Bridget Ainger**

**Chair person**

**Holy Trinity Church Report**

The year has not been without its ups and downs, mainly due to the discussions we had regarding the formalising of the decision to form a Benefice with Rolleston and Tutbury Churches. This was not a decision taken lightly as the PCC wanted to ensure that the move would be good for us and that we would still maintain our identity. There seemed to be more advantages than disadvantages. The biggest advantage being that hopefully the Benefice could ensure that we would still get a full time Vicar when Rev Ian retired. After much deliberation the voting figures were: 7-For and 1-Abstension.

We have had a problem with water ingress from the roof which has been ongoing for some time, hopefully this has now been rectified.

Our Churchwardens David Browning and Barry Snaith have worked hard over the year and we offer our thanks to them for a job well done. David Browning has decided to retire from this post after over 20 years service. We would like to offer our thanks to him for all the time he has given to the Church over those years. He will remain as a PCC member. We welcome Pat Lawley as our new Churchwarden and we know she will bring a valuable knowledge of the Church to her role. Our vicar Rev Ian continues to make Sunday Worship very enjoyable and he is always sorely missed when he has to attend to his other Churches. Our Treasurer Melanie Goodchild has done a great job and produces very good financial statements that we can all understand. Ann Lowe continues as our secretary plus all the other various jobs she has and we give thanks to her and to all those who give their time to the Church.

We have paid our Parish Share for 2017 thanks to the many events we hold and the donations received. We have many supporters who work quietly in the background and without them we would be in debt. There is a list of events on the Village Web site for this year. We would value your support. Tickets for the Concert on July 15th and the Harvest Supper on 3rd October are selling out quickly.

Seventeen people turned out to our ‘Working Party’ held on 9th September. Despite the weather not being kind to us, many jobs were completed on the day. Thank you to everyone who turned out and worked so hard. We enjoyed refreshments during the morning and a brilliant lunch.

This year has shown we can overcome the many challenges thrown our way and this is due to our great team and supportive congregation and the continuing support of Anslow Parish Council and the village.

**‘FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY’:**

The scheme now has 35 members. The total raised for the year is £1,335. We do need new members. It is only £20 per year for a family or £15 for single membership, so if you could help, please contact Ann Lowe or a member of Church.

**PCC/VOLUNTEERS:**

Thank you to all our PCC members. They are a great team and really have Holy Trinity Church in their heart. We have to make what are at times very difficult decisions, but these are always made with the Church’s and the Village’s best interests at the forefront. We would like to welcome two new members namely Barbara Gibbs and Charlie Bradley. We would like to give our thanks to Polly Bivens who had to stand down on health grounds from her many duties at Church. Polly was a valued PCC member for many years. She was our Baptism Anniversary Co-ordinator and Flower Rota administrator, she also wrote the articles for the Parish Magazine and along with her husband Jim delivered the magazine too. She is sorely missed. The good news is she is much improved. We have been very lucky to have been able to fill these posts and it is thanks to Diane Page (Baptism Anniversary) Ann Lowe (Magazine Articles) Barbara Gibbs (Delivering magazines) and Pat Lawley (Flower Rota) that we are able to continue.

The grounds continue to be well maintained by Ann & Mac Lowe. The hedges are maintained by John and Steven Lawley and Rodney Hughes. We give thanks to ‘The Sophia Mosley Trust’ for a grant, Anslow Nurseries for donations of plants and to all those who donate plants or money to keep the grounds looking so good.

Our Coffee @ Trinity on a Monday afternoon at 2.30pm (Excluding Bank Holidays) goes from strength to strength and over the year it supports many different charities. Thank you to John Wedd and his team.

A special thank you must go to our organist Audrey Smith without whom our Sunday Worship would not be the same, she plays every Sunday without fail come rain or shine.

**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:**

This is a very special part of our Church life welcoming children back each year. They each receive the 4 gospel books. The family are encouraged to bring the candle from their special day for Rev Ian to light it and say a prayer with the child. It is nice to see the children return to Church and also to see how much they have grown.

**MESSY CHURCH:**

Our ‘Messy Church’ continues to be a wonderful part of the life of Holy Trinity. It is held on the fourth Sunday of the month except August. Terene Stevens with help from Louise Vakis engages with the children to make some beautiful craft items and to learn many bible stories. The children performed the Christmas story for our Family Nativity Service which was enjoyed by all. Thank you Terene and helpers for all your hard work over the year.

**EVENTS:**

30th June – Summer Social amount raised £822

11th October – Harvest Supper amount raised £2074

18th November – Christmas Market amount raised £1,162

20th December – Carol Singing amount raised £230

Terry Harvey donated £1,150 from skittle nights held at the Village Hall.

Anslow Players donated the following

Carol Concert £500

Pantomime £500

Bob & Bev Green and Carol and Andy Coxon donated £500 from a Table Top Sale held at ‘Grace Cottage.’

A massive thank you to everyone involved in the fundraising which enabled our beautiful Church to stay open and debt free.

**The Mosley Academy**

**Anslow Village Meeting – May 2018**

Good evening to you all. For those of you who don’t know me, I took over as HT in September 2015 after five years as Headteacher of Coton-in-the-Elms CE Primary School. I previously worked as a teacher at Mosley from 1999 to 2010 so I know the school and village very well! Anslow is a wonderful place to come to work every day!

The children of Mosley are wonderful – it continues to be a pleasure to be Headteacher at Anslow. The children really make our school a warm and welcoming place to be! We get many compliments on their behaviour and their care for each other.

We have currently 165 children on role – as we have changed our intake from 17 up to 30 in reception.

Last year we expanded the school and gained two larger, purpose built classrooms for the infants, with interactive whiteboards, furniture and chairs included, as well as numerous other benefits.

In September we will again take an extra 13 children on roll compared to our intake numbers last year. We are trying to grow gradually, but we do have to consider the fact that each child generates around £3k in income. We have to make sure that classes are not too small and therefore not value for money (staff are expensive!).

We have been working hard to find solutions to traffic and parking to help the village:-

 Breakfast club – this is run by two members of staff from 8am so it gives parents extra time to get to work, and we also hoped that it would reduce the cars turning up at the normal drop off time of 8.50am. This is proving really popular with 30 children attending on some days.

 Walking Bus – this has continue to thrive and on some days 20 children per day are dropped off here at the Village Hall at 8.35am and trained parents walk with the children onto the school yard.

 Drop and go – we are still trying to encourage a ‘drop and go’ culture (which exists at many schools) in the morning so parents can get to work earlier and cars are not parked for as long. We are staffing the gate so parents feel reassured they can leave their children on the yard before the bell.

 Clubs – the staff kindly run clubs after school, so these combined with outside providers enables us to reduce the traffic at 3.30pm. We aim to provide more clubs.

 ’20 is Plenty’ scheme – Sadly the highways department don’t see this as a permanent solution as they say the impact diminishes.

 ‘Walk to School’ weeks and ‘Come on your Scooter Day’.

Our children continue to take part in a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive sports this year - cricket, football, rounders, hockey, outdoor education, dance, swimming, athletics – indoor and outdoor, cross country running, and multi-skills for our younger children.

In January this year we took part in a huge concert for the third time, called ‘Young Voices’. This was held at the Genting Arena next to the NEC in Birmingham. It is the largest concert series for children in the world, and all of our junior children took part as part of a choir of over 5000 children! It was a magical night, a real ‘hairs on the back of your neck standing up’ moment.

In the last year our children have enjoyed a wide variety of enrichment activities which enhance their learning:

 ‘Sports Week’ and ‘Arts Week’, and of course we dressed up for World Book Day.

 Theatre visits. We took the children to see Peter Pan at Derby Theatre at Christmas.

 Our Gala and Sports day!

 Our school production of Moana!

 School camp at Shugborough (the children are there right now!).

 Nativity play and Junior play at Christmas.

 Parents lunches and Homework project exhibitions for parents, and for the first time we invited parents in for ‘Christmas crafts’.

 We also do a weekly ‘Friday assembly’ which is attended by around 30 parents / grandparents each week.

These are just a few of the events we have held this past year, and there are more to come!

Our Summer Gala this year will be held on Saturday the 30th of June. Sports Day will be at 12.30 and the Gala will start at 2pm. We hope you will all be able to come along.

We are excited to be doing another Summer production this year, which will be our version of ‘Beauty and Beast’. The children love learning the songs and dances for the show, and we hope the children really enjoy their chance to be in the ‘spotlight’ when we perform it in July.

To conclude:

This continues to be a challenging but exciting time for as at Mosley as we continue to manage the growth of the school. The ethos and family atmosphere at Mosley is the most important aspect that we are seeking to maintain.

Also, there are schools being built nearby, including the John Taylor Free School and probable primary school at Tatenhill, as well as the primary school off Henhurst Hill, so lots of changes are going on in the area. We will be watching any Beam Hill development with interest.

We are also due to join the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust this Summer, as we hope to benefit from collaborative working and to give our families the confidence that their children will have the best chance of getting into John Taylor in Year 7, or de Ferrers if they so choose.

I would thank all of you and the members of the Parish Council for your continued support and friendship. It has always been very much appreciated by us all at Mosley.

**Mr M Baxter. May 2018.**