

MINUTES
ANSLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Anslow Village Hall, Main Road, Anslow
on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 7.30pm

Anslow Parish Council Attendance Members of the Public & Organisations

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| Cllr Frank Thompstone, Chair | 24 members of the Public |
| Cllr David Page, Vice Chair | Cllr Philip White, Staffordshire County Councillor |
| Cllr Laura Hall | Cllr Simon Gaskin, East Staffs Borough Councillor |
| Cllr Paul Joyce | |
| Cllr Anne Greer | |
| 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.

2019/APM/1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Duncan Goodfellow East Staffordshire Borough Councillor and Parish Councillor Miles Richardson. Catherine Gibson, John and Jill Lanham, Tom Frankland, Matthew Baxter and Jane Bailey.

2019/APM/2 Minutes of the Previous Anslow Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd May 2018

Draft copies had been emailed to parishioners prior to the meeting and hard copies were available to view at the meeting. The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Paul Joyce and seconded by Cllr Laura Hall and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

2019/APM/3 Reports for the Parish Council

i) **Chair's Report** (Copy of report attached)

ii) **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.

iii) **Planning Report** (Copy of report attached)

Cllr Joyce read through the information explaining that applicants and parishioners are encouraged to attend the public participation section of the planning meetings.

2019/APM/4 Traffic Calming Proposals for Anslow

a) The Chair advised the meeting that this item had been reviewed over the last 3 years and that progress had now been made following the Annual Parish meeting last year. Parishioners were again invited to attend parish council meetings to become more aware and involved with the progress of this project.

Options to address traffic concerns have been researched by the Parish Council (APC) including – chicanes, village gateways, Speed Indication Devices (SID), raised platforms etc. APC propose purchasing 1 SID and 3 location poles for the SID to be erected on Main Road near to Anslow Business Park, Hopley Road near to Anslow Nursery and near to the former Burnt Gate site. The device would be moved between the 3 sites. The SID will record speed, volumes and dates and times of traffic which can be downloaded into data to be reviewed at future meetings. Suggestion made that as 2 of the 3 SID locations will not be in use at any one time, alternative

notices could be erected with messages encouraging safer road usage/speed awareness messages. A suggestion was made that Mosley Academy could be involved with the designs.

Members of the public stated the following concerns regarding traffic issues in the parish

- i) One resident living close to roadside of Hopley Road stated they did not have a problem with any traffic issues in the area.
- ii) Concern regarding increase in speed of vehicles travelling past the former chapel on Hopley Road towards the 40mph road sign.
- iii) Comment made that a SID would not completely address the problem of speeding motorists
- iv) Request made for the hedge near to the former Chapel to be cut back along with 2 overhanging trees near to former allotment site.
- v) Statement made that some motorists were “Dicing with Death” but that any interventions would be helpful to try and make road users more aware
- i) Hanbury Road residents stated that their location needed including in the project due to excessive speeding down Hanbury Road.
- ii) Concern raised over visitors to Church Farm Tea Room, parking on the grass verge when the overflow car park is full. Safety concerns were stated about children being at risk as they get out of the vehicles directly onto the road and that the overflow car park is not sufficient for the number of visitors during busy periods.
- iii) Enquiry made for a mobile speed camera unit to be requested for problem areas
- iv) Concern raised over lack of footpath from the village to the Church. The Chair advised that this has been reviewed in past years and SCC stated that only a grassed “green footpath” was possible in this area due to the constraints of the road.
- v) Installation date for SID was requested. Reply was by late summer.
- vi) Enquiry made as to possibility of a 40mph speed limit being introduced near to the Church. SCC Highways Officer to be contacted to survey this location, however Cllr White explained that this request would necessitate advertising the proposal via National news framework which would involve substantial tax payer’s funding. APC were asked to submit a request to SCC Highways Dept for a speed limit near Holy Trinity Church.

2019/APM/5 Parish Councillor Vacancies

3 positions are currently available following the election and all enquiries should be made to the Clerk. Closing date is 19th June.

2019/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) Katie Fellowes, PCSO, Staffordshire Police – No report received
- g) The Mosley Academy

2019/APM/7 Rolleston United Foundation Grants

Small grants are available to Year 13 students if they are continuing in education and live in Anslow and Rolleston. Contact the Clerk for details.

2019/APM/8 Allotment Vacancy

There is 1 allotment currently available. Contact the Clerk for details.

2019/APM/9 Village Matters and Questions

- a) Cllr Thompstone advised the meeting of a new initiative – Open Farm Sunday on Sunday 9th June in the afternoon. This is part of a national event which will encourage the public to visit farms in their area including the Turkey Farm in Anslow. There will also be information about the National Forest, Cattle to see and ice cream on sale!
- b) Our 2nd Defibrillator is soon to be installed in the village in Anslow Business Park near to the vending machines.
- c) Anslow's Volunteers Report – Cllr Greer read out a report of the last 12 months (copy attached). A grateful vote of thanks was given to all our local supporters.
- d) Community Fund – Cllr Thompstone advised the meeting that the Parish Council holds £617 currently in an account which originated from monies raised at a village Festival several ago. Ideas were requested as to how this may be spent to the betterment of the parish. Any ideas to be forwarded to the Clerk.
- e) Parish Council Vacancies – The members present were asked to leave their contact details with the Clerk if they wished to be included in general advisory parish and local notices and for any interest in the current Cllr vacancies for which there is a closing date of 19th June.

f) QUESTIONS ON VILLAGE MATTERS

Q1: Cllr Philip White was asked about quality of workmanship regarding pothole repairs by SCC Highways team and who oversees the quality of the finished work.

Answer: Potholes are prioritised as to their level of importance so that the most critical potholes are repaired first. Cllr White stated his intent to lobby for an improved system and change the current contract details so that all potholes in one location, are repaired in one visit by the team rather than just on a priority basis. Problems also arise when repairing road surfaces in winter as the repair “does not take” and the in-fill material breaks out. Correct “cut-out” technique needs to be employed to ensure a quality repair.

Q2: Five Lane Ends Roundabout's road surface is disintegrating and full of potholes due to heavy trucks cutting through the village lanes from Sudbury. Request was made for a weight restriction to be put on approaching roads to prohibit heavy vehicles damaging our roads. Local business parks have been created bringing larger vehicles onto our roads causing significant damage.

Answer: Cllr White replied that the existing law will not allow this as that road has been categorised for the use of heavy goods vehicles. An additional comment was raised stating that Forest Road weight restriction should be changed too, but this would have impact on business situated on that road, particularly Marstons Brewery. Cllr White informed the meeting that Highways improvements were scheduled for 8 weeks which would include traffic calming measures on Shobnall/Forest Road.

Q3: Outwoods Farm Development

Enquiry made as to the Section 106 money from this development being directed to help funding road traffic safety in our area. Cllr White explained the S106 contributions are given to SCC to address local issues and this allocation has been allocated to the building of new roundabout at Calais Hill. Cllr White confirmed that there would be a “spine road” from the new Lawns Development at Branston to near the Albion Pub on Shobnall Road.

2019/APM/10 Close of Meeting

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 9.15pm and invited all to stay for refreshments.

Frank Thompstone, Chair of Anslow Parish Council

Date

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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ANSLOW PARISH COUNCIL (APC)

MAY 1st 2019 - ANSLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Welcome to All Present

Current Projects: Traffic Calming Proposals for Anslow

Councillor Vacancies – currently have 3 vacancies open for co-option, one of which is due to the sad loss of Cllr John Tomlinson

Grants received in 2018/19:-

i) £149 from Cllr White, SCC for the installation of WIFI at the Village Hall

Donations and Financial Contributions from Anslow Parish Council

i) £25 has been budgeted for Mosley Academy for their Pride of Mosley Award

ii) £25 to John Taylor High School to support their Special Award Presentation Evening

iii) £100 to Holy Trinity Church

v) £80 donation to the Little Forest Project on Longhedge Lane

vi) £30 donation for the flower meadow seeds to Anslow Garden Club

APC working in Partnership with Staffs County Council (SCC) & East Staffs Borough Council (ESBC)

- **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 still occurring in our parish. If you see any evidence of fly-tipping, please report it to ESBC – email enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

All **planters** were re-stocked in Spring and late Summer last year in various locations around the Parish.

Allotments - currently 13 plots are taken but one plot remains available.

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 Anslow Garden Club for taking on the maintenance of 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.

ANSLOW PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2019

FINANCE REPORT

Prepared by: Judy Tjon Soei Len, Clerk to Anslow Parish Council

Date: 1.4.2019

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| Opening Cash Book Position | £8251.54 |
| Total Income 2018/19 | £8282.39 |
| Total Expenditure 2018/19 (including VAT) | £7073.54 |
| <u>Current Cash Book Position</u> | <u>£9460.39</u> |

TSB Bank Statements

| <u>Club, Charity & Trust Account (Current)</u> | <u>Business Instant Access (Savings)</u> | <u>Business Instant Access (Community Fund)</u> | |
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| A/c No 50483760 | A/c No 50484160 | A/c No 50484568 | |
| £6088.07 | £2760.09 | £617.23 | <u>£9465.39</u> |

Unpresented Cheques up to 31.3.19 £ 5.00

Unpresented Income up to 31.3.19 £ 0.00

Banking Position

(Total Bank Funds minus Total Unpresented Cheques)

Total Bank Funds as at 31.3.19 £9460.39

Internal Transfers:

A/c No 50483760 Transfers Out £600 & £114.29

A/c No 50484160 Transfer In £600

A/c No 50484568 Transfer In £114.29

CPI Grant £800 from 2016/178 - Remaining Balance **£217.67**

Website Grant £1350 (£900 + £450) from 2017/18 - Remaining Balance **£156.29**

Anslow Garden Club Donation **£25**

2018/19 VAT Running total to be reclaimed in 2019 **£184.70**

PLANNING REPORT

1. Planning forms a very important part of APC work.
2. The Planning Committee holds meetings every 4-6 weeks, depending on applications received.
3. We are required to present a minimum of 3 Councillors, 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.

Staffordshire County Council

The County Council has had another immensely challenging year due to further reductions in central government funding and the growing demand for both adult social care and children's services, which now account for two-thirds of the county council's expenditure. Overall this reduction in funding and increase in demand meant that the county council has had to find an additional £35 million in cost savings for the 2019/20 financial year.

As many people know, one of the options for savings was the removal of funding for school crossings patrols. I am glad to say that following a lot of hard work, the threat to school crossing patrols has been removed and there are no plans to review funding of this service again.

Despite the funding challenges, the county council continues to invest in our area. In the last year we have seen the opening of the state of the art £30m John Taylor Free School in Tatenhill and £6m Henhurst Ridge Primary and a little further afield the new Lichfield Library has won national plaudits for its sensitive restoration and reuse of a disused church in the city centre.

Over the summer we will see two major road programmes in our area with the complete reconstruction of the Five Lanes End roundabout and the full resurfacing of Shobnall Road and the lower section of Forest Road.

All of this investment, together with the 30 million hours of care per annum the county council delivers is made possible through the careful management of your tax money. I intend to continue to ensure every penny is well spent and focused on the areas of greatest need.

Philip White | County Councillor for Dove Division
Cabinet Member for Learning and Employability

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East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Borough Council has continued to be efficient and effective for the community. 10 years ago ESBC was deemed to be a poorly run Borough but is now ranked as one of the best and most efficient in the country.

We have raised the council tax this year. The first time for 10 years while still maintaining excellent service and accountability.

As the amount of houses has increased we have purchased a new waste wagon and so have had to change some routes which did have few teething problems but is now running smoothly.

As far as planning is concerned the local plan is now in place with ridged borders in place to defend the countryside from further erosion and to deter development on green fields.

New litter bins have been put in place to reduce the amount of litter in the area.

The Leisure facilities have been let to a private and professional firm to make them more efficient and to make considerable savings for the council. This is for a period of 10 years so after that we can continue or take it back ourselves.

If the Parish Council or any individual needs assistance in any way please don't hesitate to contact me.

Councillor Simon Gaskin

Holy Trinity Church

After a difficult year of discussions between the 3 Churches the Benefice of Anslow, Rolleston and Tutbury has now been legalised and we are now the ART Churches. We must work together to make our Churches strong, overcome any obstacles and help each other where we can. The Churchwardens from each of the Churches have had many meetings together and have formed a strong bond.

The sad news that our vicar Rev Ian Whitehead was leaving came as a shock to all of us, but we are a strong team and will go forward with hope, community and friendship as is the watchword of our Church. We wish Rev Ian and his family well as he joins his new Parishes in Crich and South Wingfield.

The Churchwardens and members of the PCC have worked hard over the year and we offer our thanks to them for a job well done. Pat and myself as Churchwardens have a difficult time in the next few months dealing with the interregnum period and together with the Churchwardens of Rolleston and Tutbury have the task of choosing our new Vicar. We hope you as a village will give us every support and that you will support us as a Church at the many events planned this year.

David Browning retired from the position of Churchwarden and PCC member and we thank him for the valuable work he has done for the Church over many years.

The ongoing problem of damp in the Church is still a huge concern to us. Despite having contractors in, the problem still remains. It spoils the area above and around the altar and seems to be getting worse. We will continue to address this and hope to get to the bottom of it in the near future.

We have an individual in the congregation who is exploring the path towards ordained ministry. We are giving them all the support we can.

Our Remembrance weekend to commemorate 100 years since the First World War was a huge success, thanks to the displays by the Church, Mosley Academy School, Little Monsters Nursery, Messy Church, Anslow & District Gardening Club, Anslow WI and many others. The event was well attended with many from the village and representatives from Anslow Parish Council and The British Legion.

Our Treasurer Melanie Goodchild has done a great job and produces very good financial statements that we can all understand. We have paid our Parish Share for the year 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.

Seventeen people turned out to our 'Working Party' held in 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. Thank you to those who purchased and helped serve the refreshments.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES:

It is thanks to Diane Page that so many children return each year to Holy Trinity on the anniversary of their Baptism. They each receive the 4 gospel books. The family are encouraged to bring the candle from their special day to re-light and to say a prayer. It is nice to see the children return to Church and also to see how much they have grown.

CHURCHYARD: The grounds continue to be well maintained by Ann & Mac Lowe. Thanks must also go to those volunteers who made such an excellent job of cutting the boundary hedges. The mower is serviced annually. The Churchyard receives many compliments and we thank all those who donated bedding plants or money, they enabled the Churchyard to be colourful throughout the year.

MESSY CHURCH:

Our 'Messy Church' continues to be a wonderful part of the life of Holy Trinity. Terene Stevens, Louise Vakis and Annie Andre help 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, Louise and Annie for all your hard work over the year

'FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY':

The scheme has 34 members. Total raised is £1,275. Of the 34 members, 32 have chosen to Gift Aid their donation and 17 pay by standing order. The total raised will rise when the Gift Aid is claimed from HMRC. New members need to be sought to carry on with this vital fund raising scheme. If you would like to join, forms are available.

PARISH MAGAZINE:

We thank Barbara Gibbs for delivering the magazine over a wide area and in all weathers. Many of the recipients cannot get to Church and it is a way of keeping them up to date with Church events.

EVENTS HELD IN 2018:

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| Skittle for Easter | amount donated £400 |
| Concert 'Your the Voice' | amount raised £608.80 |
| Skittle for a Lamb | amount donated £450 |
| Harvest Supper | amount raised £1,545.22 |
| Christmas Market | amount raised £1,151.94 |
| Skittle for a Turkey | amount donated £500 |
| Carol singing around village | amount raised £273 |

Total Raised £4,928.96

In addition to this 'Anslow Players' donated £600 from their Carol Concert.

Thank you all for your great support at all these events.

2018/2019 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. The hall is a popular venue for children's parties which often include indoor bouncy castles. We have had a wedding and several adult birthday parties and have also accepted an occasional teenage / young adult party booking after assuring ourselves that there would be proper adult supervision. A group of Anslow families and friends again hired the hall for a New Year's Eve party.

A new art class started in January, a dog training class is being trialled and a bridge club is also planning to start their sessions on a Monday afternoon, having moved from their present location. A mother and toddler enquiry came to nothing, and an exercise class for mums and babes 'One Fit Mama' was trialled but did not receive sufficient support and is no longer running.

The hall is now a member of Support Staffordshire and a Village halls and community Centres Facebook Group which helps share information and good practice.

Committee and booking fees

We were delighted to welcome Lesley Lennon onto the committee in November., and just recently Barbara Gibbs. 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. We are sorry to be losing John and Jill Lanham from the committee and the village.

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

Maintenance and repairs

We have had a rather expensive year, having paid out just over £3,500 for repairs and maintenance. Blocked drains in the Spring, mainly through inappropriate items being flushed, required repair, the replacement of 2 manhole covers and removal of fir trees either side of the front double doors. The heater in the kitchen has been replaced with an overhead type because of severe denting to the wall hung heater and a bulb replaced in the halogen heaters in the main hall. The hall has been completely redecorated, some repair work was required to the front of the stage and a door closer replaced.

An outside plug socket has been installed to facilitate Christmas lights on the external shrubbery and the moveable bar and white strips on the external steps have both been painted.

We also replaced two painted doors to the side of the stage with oak veneer fire doors, this was funded through a grant from Councillor Philip White which was much appreciated. Nicki, our cleaner continues to do an excellent job keeping the hall clean.

Unfortunately intruders entered the hall sometime between Thursday afternoon 11th April and Friday 12th April early evening. All the cupboards had been opened, some forced however it did not appear that anything had been stolen, and luckily no other damage had been caused. No signs of forced entry could be seen and it was assumed that the perpetrators gained access via an unsecured window; all the regular users of the hall were informed with requests to lock all the windows. The crime was reported to the police.

Finance and Grants

We are lucky to have a large number of regular users and various weekend parties which help us keep our fees at a low rate. We are always mindful however of the importance of maintaining the fabric, safety and standard of the building and fully appreciate any support that our County and Local Councillors can supply.

Fundraising events

Gerry Graham, an excellent comedian and singer, entertained us in September and the audience served a cheese platter, this event raised just under £680.

Future plans

We have obtained the standards for the Village Halls Hallmark scheme and are working towards meeting those.

We are planning to replace the flooring in the toilets with coved flooring to eliminate areas for harbouring grime build up between floor and walls. We are also considering replacing the hard floor in the entrance lobby with entrance matting which should trap most dirt and moisture and protect the hall floor.

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

Anslow WI Annual Report

There has been a WI in Anslow since 1946 and we are pleased to say that 73 years on, it is still going strong. Those founder members would be proud of us. At the beginning of 2017 we were down to 28 members - which was of great concern to everyone. Since then we have recruited 38 ladies and lost just 4 members; we call it a miracle. At the moment we have 62 members, we are thriving, ladies just keep coming along. And they remain, three of our ladies have achieved 50 years membership of Anslow WI and attended a presentation and celebration tea hosted by the trustees at Stafford.

Our members are the most amazing ladies, another generation of WI, nothing boring about us and although we observe WI traditions and principles we come together in friendship and to enjoy ourselves at every opportunity we can. After all, the WI is everything you want it to be.

It was a joy to welcome our youngest visitor to our November meeting, baby Edward Martin, possibly our first WI baby for 40 years.

Most of the time we are eating and drinking, that is – cakes at our meetings, breakfast club, Mulberry restaurant visits, Christmas buffet, Friendship suppers, Birthday outings, High Tea etc, etc.

Then there are our monthly speakers (who have all been brilliant this year) our trips and County events and Group events. Being part of National Federation, Staffordshire Federation and the Forest and Vale Group is like belonging to an extended WI family.

We are also extremely caring, we try to look after one another as well as supporting others. For our Charity of the Year (Midlands Air Ambulance) we have raised £1,432.56 by way of cake donations, bring & buys, a fun quiz, a Christmas postbox collection, our Members' meeting and a fashion show. We have collected £145 for St Giles in lieu of a cake donation, £13.93 for ACWW (boot making in Mongolia), £89.32 for Derby Mountain Rescue Team and £120 for Canine Partners.

On behalf of Anslow WI, member Elaine Mayne made a beautiful cross-stitch tapestry which was displayed at 'Anslow Remembers' in Holy Trinity Church. This was a very fitting WW1 tribute from our Institute. A members' husband made the plinth on which it proudly stood.

A little bit of Anslow now resides in Brookvale Wood, Groby. An oak tree project was launched in October 2017 by Staffordshire Federation to form part of its 2019 Centenary celebrations. This was in conjunction with the National Forest Company. Anslow acorns were collected by a member and her husband and grown by members then 9 were planted by our President in March.

On a serious note, The WI is a very important institution and WI campaigns are about changing things for the better and tackling the issues that matter to members. Last year's resolution was 'Mental Health Matters' and this year's resolutions are 'Don't Fear the Smear' and 'A Call Against the Decline in Local Bus Services'.

Information regarding our meetings can be found on posters around the village, the bus stop and village hall. Visitors are extremely welcome.

The Mosley Academy

Anslow Village Meeting – May 2019

My name is Matthew Baxter, and I took over as Headteacher in September 2015 after five years as Headteacher of Coton-in-the-Elms CE Primary School in Derbyshire. I started working at Mosley in 1999 so I am approaching 20 years as a teacher – most of which have been here in Anslow, so I know the school and village very well! Anslow is a fantastic 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 189 children on role – as we have changed our intake from 17 up to 30 in reception.

Our SATs (Year tests) results were the highest in East Staffordshire for 2018, which was a wonderful achievement. We even received a letter of congratulations from the Secretary of State for Education as we were in the top 1% of schools nationally for maths results! I am really proud of the children and staff for all their years of hard work.

We have been working hard to find solutions to traffic and parking to help the village. Since Christmas we have completely changed how the children come into school in the morning. From 8.40 am the doors are opened and the children come straight in, then at 8.50 am the doors are closed. This has had a very positive effect as the children are now gaining around 25 minutes per of additional learning time. Also, the parents drop their children off and go – we hope this is helping with parking around the village.

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

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

☑ Young Voices - this 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!

☑ We now run the 'Mosley Mile' at least once a week with every class.

☑ Theatre visits. We took the children to see Hansel and Gretel at Derby Theatre at Christmas.

☑ Our Gala and Sports day!

☑ Our school production of Beauty and the Beast!

☑ School camp at Shugborough (the children are there again in a few weeks).

☒ Nativity play and Junior play at Christmas.

☒ Parents lunches and Homework project exhibitions for parents, and we invited parents in for 'Christmas crafts'.

☒ We also do a weekly 'Friday assembly' which is attended by around 30 parents / grandparents each week.

Our Summer Gala this year will be held on Saturday the 29th of June. Sports Day will be at 12.30 and the Gala will start at 2pm. We hope you will be able to come along.

We are excited to be doing another Summer production this year, which will be our version of 'Mary Poppins'. 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 us 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 continuing to maintain.

We joined the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust in July 2018, and we are already seeing the benefit of collaborative working and also giving our families the confidence that their children will have the best chance of getting into John Taylor in Year 7. We are also one of the 'named' schools for de Ferrers if parents choose that school. Also, for the first time we will have two pupils transferring to the new John Taylor Free School at Tatenhill.

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 2019.

Anslow's Volunteers 2019

We are very fortunate in Anslow to currently have 14 volunteers who continue the strong community spirit to keep our village free of litter. These litter picking volunteers include Duke of Edinburgh students – some of whom have continued to volunteer with us through their bronze, silver and gold awards.

It should be noted that we are very appreciative of the equipment that ESBC gives us each year to help with the litter picking and the new litter bin which they erected down Chapel Lane and the new refuse bin installed on Longhedge Lane. Although incidents of dog fouling have decreased in key areas of the village ie Leyfields and Chapel Lane, there are still problems with dog walkers on footpaths off Hopley Road. Polite notices have been erected in these areas.

We also have a robust group of volunteers who water our planters throughout the village each year and without them, our vibrant and welcoming floral displays would not survive. We also have several parishioners who regularly mow areas within our village. The Anslow Garden Club have now taken over the maintenance of the flower meadow on Hopley Bends and we look forward to seeing the display in the summer.

Our village defibrillator is regularly checked by John Lanham and replacement FP pads were ordered last year after his report to the clerk.

Last year due to the extremely dry conditions, our 18 miles of footpaths and bridleways were kept open with minimal intervention from our Community Paths Initiative volunteers. Our main concern has been with broken or damaged stiles which were reported to Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way team. We are hoping that our volunteers this year will liaise with Burton Ramblers Club to help repair the remaining damaged stiles.

Previous CPI Work has included:-

- clearing back nettles and encroaching vegetation along the bridleways
- repairing 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

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

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