

This is Annual Parish Meeting Chairman's report for 2017/18

I would like to as ever start this report by thanking my fellow councillors (Lorna Joy, Joanne Eastwood, John Hockley, Mike Mortimer, Clare Flynn, Becky Wheeler) for all their contributions, help and support over the year.

The smooth workings of the Parish Council are, as ever, ensured through the work of our Parish Clerk (Julie Rodwell) for ensuring that everything has run so smoothly over the past year since taking over from Ellen Sayer. The never- ending streams of correspondence and emails are efficiently actioned and that our financial management remains in order.

The Parish Council has once again carried out its 'usual' duties over the year employing contractors to ensure that that the Recreational Field, Wildlife Area, Children's Play Area and Churchyard are kept in good order.

Key information relevant to the village continues to be provided by the village paper-based newsletter 'Akeley News' as well as through the village website and the independent community forum 'Akeley News and Views'.

We continue to manage responsibilities for grass cutting throughout the village as part of decentralised services from the County Council. The workings of our contractors continue to be smooth and thank the efforts of all for this.

We continue to await the final Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VALP) to be adopted and continue to watch neighbouring planning applications on the edges of Buckingham and Maids Moreton as well as ones in the village itself.

I would like to once again put on record our thanks to the support of our County and District Councillor Warren Whyte and the support of the Local Area Forum (LAF)

In conclusion, I would ask anyone in the audience tonight, or reading this after the meeting, who would like to get involved guiding the evolution of Akeley, to contact myself or any of the council; it would be great to have a list of upcoming councillors in the event that vacancies arise.

Terry Cavender, Chairman, Akeley Parish Council