

CLERK'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 7:45 PM AT St EDMUND'S CHURCH

There have been four meetings of the Parish Council in the last year including that held in May 2015 which was also the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council received a Precept (allocation from the Community Charge) of £1400.

Accidents on the A515 are always a matter for concern but this year has been quiet with few accidents and we are not aware of any fatalities on our section but there have been on other sections.

The lack of a public footpath over the Bentley brook is still a concern. In 2014 we heard that the County Council propose to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph to a point about 50 yards south of the bridge. We suggested the 40 limit should be extended to a point south of the Bentley Brook Hotel but this has been rejected. This change has not yet happened.

During the year a number of minor planning applications have been received including one to sort out the planning approval for some aspects of the Heights of Ashbourne Caravan Park.

The low cost homes in Ashes Lane have still not been built and there does not appear to be any progress on this.

Ravenscliffe Farm has been purchased by a charity called Chicks that is going to run the farm as an activity centre for deprived children. This facility is now up and running.

Our accounts for the previous year were audited with no problems arising.

Cllr Denis Stone in particular has been active as our snow warden but fortunately this year we have not had the heavy snow of previous years. We would like to thank him for his efforts.

All Parish Councils now have to have their own website and publish information on meetings, finances etc.

The Parish Council took the opportunity to make it a village website and it is now up and running and will be developed further. www.fennybentley.org.uk

Each Parish Councillor and the Clerk now have their own dedicated Parish Council e-mail address rather than using their personal address .e.g. clerk@fenneybentley.org.uk

During the year the village has received help from the:-

Officers and Members of the County and District Councils
Peak Park Authority Police Community Support Officer
F.B.I (Fenny Bentley Initiative) other organisations, associations and individuals.
The government who gave us a grant for the web-site under the Transparency Fund.

The Councillors and many villagers have given up considerable time and put in a lot of effort to try and help improve the village and I would like to thank all who done so for their efforts.

Ken Croft - Parish Clerk May 2016
