

CLERK'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7:45 PM AT St EDMUND'S CHURCH

There have been two meetings of the Parish Council in the last year including that held in May 2016 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. We have had a very serious near-miss where 3 members of one family came very close to being injured.

During the year a number of minor planning applications have been received but nothing major. The Heights of Ashbourne caravan site appears to have withdrawn an earlier application to legitimise some of the issues with planning at the site.

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 and a number of planning applications have been granted to make the property more suitable for the purpose.

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

The Parish Council web site is 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

The Parish Council have introduced "Standing Orders" which is like a constitution with rules as to how the Parish Council should operate and available on the web site.

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 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 2017
