



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

Let me start by thanking you for attending tonight's Annual Parish Meeting. This is not a meeting of the Parish Council but an opportunity for residents to come together each year and hear about the work done in the community and also ask questions.

I must also thank my fellow Parish Councillors for electing me to serve as the Parish Council Chairman during 2016/17. It has been a pleasure and a great honour to perform the role. However I couldn't undertake the role without the support of my Vice Chairman, Clive Booth and all of the other Councillors. I hope that we have kept our promises and provided as many quality services for residents as possible.

Summer is just around the corner and with its arrival the Parish Council are once again, by popular demand organising coach trips for residents and families.

Summer is also a time of flowers, and I wish to thank Plantscape for their help in organising the beautiful floral displays on the lampposts throughout the village, I'm sure you will agree they really bring a touch of colour to the area.

We have successfully opened the new free car park on Cromford Road and this has been well received by residents and businesses alike.

All of these initiatives cost money and I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council, through restructuring and sound financial management are likely to announce a surplus in our accounts for the second year running. This surplus means that we have some additional money to invest in services in the coming year, and we would be pleased to receive any views of residents as to what initiatives we should support.

We will next month, be refreshing and relaunching our website to bring it up to date and ensure it is user friendly whilst providing the information that you would wish to see.

Finally, don't forget to call in and see our new Offices at the Langley Mill Business Centre – It is just down the road from our old accommodation. The offices are open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm - Tuesday to Thursday. You will find our staff both friendly and approachable.

Before I sign off, I would like to wish all residents of Aldercar and Langley Mill, a lovely relaxing and safe summer.

Councillor Mick Fowkes – Chairman 2016/17