

Slaley Parish Council
Chairperson's Annual Report 2021

The last 12 months have seen extraordinary conditions as we all cope with the Pandemic.

The Parish Council has continued to meet monthly via Zoom meetings, and attendance has been excellent. We have continued with the usual discussions over planning, Parish issues such as Broadband, highways, the school, shop, pubs, the Community Trust and planning.

The Parish Council has welcomed Ian Stevens as our newest Councillor and he has been very active indeed supporting the community, we're very lucky to have him onboard. The Parish Councillors have all been re-elected unopposed in the recent elections, so we all continue on as a strong, knowledgeable group of parishioners with the aim of supporting the Parish in the very best way we can.

We have seen the continuation of the Pyramid of Care with Parish groups collaborating to provide support to parishioners providing shopping delivery, prescription pick ups and a point of contact in an emergency.

A new group has been established looking at the environment and recycling issues. This group involves not just our parish but also Whitley Chapel and Healey, again, great to see everyone pulling together for the good of our community. Their first achievement has been the planting of fruit trees in the middle of the village, and the group continues to explore the possibility of a community orchard. The annual litter pick has just been completed with the highest numbers of volunteers ever, and the biggest collection of rubbish from our Parish verges to date, well done everyone.

We have regular updates on all community activity and the Commemoration Hall have been particularly active raising funds to complete phase one of the Hall renovation, and are now on with phase two. The success of this group is down to some very hard working and dedicated individuals.

The Steering Group for the Parish Plan was reconvened during the year with an updated plan on February 4th, with a really well attended Zoom meeting, including some younger people in the Parish which was very much welcomed.

The Parish defibrillator which is owned by the Parish Council, on the side wall of the Rose and Crown pub continues to be maintained at regular intervals and has been used during the year. The Parish Council also paid for 12 parishioners to have first aid training.

Unfortunately, our wonderful annual Slaley Show will not be going ahead once more this year, but we hope it may make its return next year.

We all look forward to the next 12 months and as our Parish opens up with the pubs, shop, churches, school, community groups and Hall all starting to return to some sort of normal, I'd like to wish all businesses in the Parish good luck, and Parishioners a safe and healthy year ahead.

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Chairperson