

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL AGM 2020.

Welcome to the Monyash Parish Council 2020 AGM. Since joining the Parish Council in 2005 this is the first time that I have experienced an AGM conducted via a telephone conference system. This is due to the strange and worrying times that we all find ourselves in with the covid-19 pandemic. May we all look out for one another and stay safe.

It was pointed out to me that the Parish Council may be viewed by some villagers as not actually doing much work within the village throughout the year but unfortunately, improvements are not always visible to everyone. So, this year my report will be more like a list of works rather than my usual style of report.

The building of the Fere Mere wall, which looks superb, was completed last summer and should last for many years to come. Being at the centre of the village it is able to be viewed and enjoyed by all.

New honesty boxes were bought and installed at the toilets and the phone box (library). These along with the one on Jack Mere carpark continue to bring in well needed donations for their upkeep.

New village street signs have been bought to replace the old worn out, damaged and faded signs. These have been installed on Rakes Road, Tagg Lane and Horse Lane with Church Street and Church Lane to follow.

Extra dog dirt bins have been bought and installed on major footpath routes. ; Handley Lane and at the toilets. This unfortunately means an additional monthly cost of £1.86 per bin to have them emptied but we thought well worth the cost for the sake of keeping these areas of the village clean.

Regular supplies for the defibrillator such as new pads are renewed as and when required and fortnightly checks are made by Lesley, our clerk, to ensure it is all working well.

As of last year the County Council stopped providing winter grit and made it the responsibility of the Parish Council to provide grit for their village. Bags of salt and a new grit bin were therefore bought by the Parish Council and installed in the old recycling area on Rakes Road. How typical that we had a very mild winter but at least we are prepared for next year and extra grit can ordered as and when it is needed.

Earlier this year we were given a grant of £1000.00 from Simon Spencer of the County Council to buy a new village notice board. This was erected in February and I hope you agree that it is a vast improvement on the old one.

All in all, we think that the money has been spent wisely with improvements to the whole village being our intention. These will benefit both villagers and visitors alike.

The new drains on Chapel Street, which were installed March 2019, have proved to be a success. Although the rainwater does still gather there it quickly drains away. A new layer of road chatter which is to be applied as a top dressing onto Jack Mere should provide us with a respectable car park for a few more years to come until we find the funds to refurbish the entire area.

Excess parking of cars at holiday accommodation has been causing a nuisance on some streets within the village. We have enquired with the police about this and unfortunately, the only way to rid ourselves of the problem would be to have 'No Parking' yellow lines painted on the streets. A Parking Inspector would then needed to issue a fine and this simply would not happen as an Inspector is not going to come out to Monyash to enforce it. This takes us back to the beginning and the problem remains. This is therefore ongoing.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme continues to run quietly with no problems so far.

I would like to thank the members of the Parish Council and Clerk who give up their time to try and help the village run smoothly. Our efforts are not always appreciated by members of the village but nonetheless thank you to you all. I would also like to give thanks to the contractors who work hard within our parish to ensure that Monyash continues to look neat and tidy for residents and visitors alike.

I wish you all well and to stay healthy throughout the coming year.

Best wishes,

Jo,

Chair.