

Cold Aston Parish Council Annual Summary

General

We have kept costs in check with the Precept remaining unchanged for three years and have maintained the Council's finances to the satisfaction of the independent auditor, Dr Bryan Saunders, whom we thank for giving his services so willingly.

We have commented on a number of planning applications.

Stuart Jackson has updated the Parish Web site for which we are most grateful.

Allotments.

It has been a successful year for the allotments with all plots currently taken. The water storage system seems to have provided sufficient water last summer to keep the plants going.

Highways

We have mentioned many road defects and potholes to the Highways Department, some of which it has been slow to action, but we will keep chasing. We have been chasing the Highways Department for 16 months to resurface the path in front of the Firs. The last promised date of its completion was the 27th April, which was missed. We have now met with a new Highways Officer who has guaranteed it will be done over the summer holidays. It is not legal for the PC to organise to do this itself as it is Highways land.

We have attended meetings of the A436 No Crash group to try and improve safety on the roads locally.

Environment

We have carried out the regular tree survey of the PC trees in the allotments and the Sycamore and Walnut trees (owned and maintained by Highways) on the greens. We are acting upon its recommendations for the Sycamore tree and will discuss the remainder of the recommendations at our next parish meeting as no action can be taken until the autumn.

We have continued to keep the greens mown and, for a second year, taken responsibility for trimming the parish verges. They have been cut later in the season than general practice with a resulting significant increase in biodiversity.

Other

We have maintained our connections with the committees at the School and Church.