

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are in the process of developing a community neighbourhood plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence the design specifications of new buildings.

A working party headed by Cllr Colin Rogers will steer this lengthy process through to a successful conclusion. The community will be vital in contributing to this success.

Website

In response to the need for easier communication, an Aldcliffe with Stodday website is currently in development. Expected to be...
www.aldcliffewithstoddaypc.org



The Lengthsman

Introducing Greg Robinson our newly appointed lengthsman.



The term 'lengthsman' dates back to the 1800s, referring to workers who were responsible for keeping a particular length of road neat and tidy.

Modern day parish lengthsman provide a greatly valued service to their local community, doing jobs that create a big impact, such as ditch clearing, hedge cutting and sign cleaning. It will give this parish council a say over remedial work that's important to us and our local area.

Greg has been commissioned to work in the parish on designated projects prioritised by the council. These priorities will be initially focussed on ...

- * Regenerating the impassable Snuff mill lane footpath leading to the river.
- * Clearing Aldcliffe Hall Lane's overgrown verges.

ALDCLIFFE with STODDAY PARISH COUNCIL



AUTUMN NEWS

Birth of our Parish Council

Just over two years ago, Chris Norman came to me with a proposal to create a Parish Council for the area. This was very innovative, as the creation of new Parish Councils was uncommon throughout the whole country. Lancaster City Council was keen to help us and their officers provided technical help and guidance and eventually we councillors stood in the old council chamber of the town hall to be formally sworn in...a proud but sobering moment realising the responsibilities our oath represented.

Now the problems began. It was a steep learning curve as we had to conform to very many rules and regulations. Many things we hoped we could do for the community were forced onto the back burner as we struggled to comply with the legal requirements of our fledgeling parish and to eventually find and appoint our excellent Parish Clerk. However, we are now free to concentrate on the local issues that are important to everyone in the parish.

With many thanks to our parishioners for their patience.

Things will only get better.

Nick Webster

Meet 'BERTIE'



Or perhaps you already have encountered him, as he meanders through your garden of an evening on his daily patrol of his extensive territory.

Bertie is an enormous Norwegian Forest cat who drove his owners to distraction for not coming home, that was until they fitted a 'tracker' to his collar and now Bertie can be rounded up at will....not that it pleases him!

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Cllr...Kevan Walton (Stakeholders)

The Chairman

In order to bring our Council to fruition, Chris Norman has put in very many long hours of study and letter writing, not to mention his melted mobile. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Thanks Chris!

Sewage Works impasse

Long a troublesome site for the residents of Stodday. For many years there has been an ongoing background noise problem that United Utilities are supposedly unable to identify.

Despite Cllr Kevan Walton having provided noise measurement data that he has recorded over several years, UU continue to respond negatively to his letters and face-to-face meetings with various members of management have proved unsatisfactory.

Solar Panels saga

Again, Cllr Kevan Walton has been thwarted by the actions and broken promises of various owners and management teams. Pledges of thousands of pounds of donations to community projects soon evaporated once planning permission was granted. Upon completion the entire site was sold to another company who insisted they could not be held responsible for undertakings given by the previous owners. Instead of the panels being undergrazed by sheep the grass beneath the 'Low Wood' panels have been sprayed with weed killer...not very environmentally friendly! In addition, the agreed screening has not been undertaken so far and the planting season is nearly over. Kevan continues to press for improvement.

Aldcliffe Hall Drive

Despite the possibly confusing wording of recent council notices, the drive is NOT being closed off. Quite the reverse. There is a legal process in hand to eventually adopt the drive as a type of public right of way. There is now a concluding period of consultation before the final decision.

WINTER DRAWS ON

Following repeated requests to Lancs County Council from your Parish Councillors, roadside drains throughout the parish have been cleared in preparation for winter.

The yellow grit bins have been topped up. Please remember this grit is **only** for use on the public highway.

History

'Aldeclif' is recorded in the Domesday Book in 1086 as being a "vill" of the Manor of Halton held by Tostig Godwinson pre-conquest. After the Norman conquest, Roger the Poitevin received the Manor of Halton then moved the manorial headquarters to Lancaster, the site of the Roman fort of Castle Hill. Aldcliffe Old Hall was built some time between 1087 and 1094.[1]

Stodday

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Domesday book simply states "enclosure for horses"

For those who want to know more

There is the full history online at www.lancaster.ac.uk/users/rhc/Aldcliffe/Aldcliffe%20transcript.pdf

