

# Councillor Chris Norman's Resignation

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It is with a considerable degree of sadness and disappointment that I announce the resignation of my co-founder of our Parish Council, Councillor Chris Norman.

Back in 2014, having seen many local rural communities being overwhelmed by inappropriate housing development, Chris approached me with an idea to create a Resident's Association in an attempt to protect our environment from similar housing schemes.

Together with Chris' ingenious idea and my long-established connection with the people of Aldcliffe we gathered together a nucleus of over 30 people and quickly formed the 'Aldcliffe Resident's Association' (ARA), raised a fighting fund and began to build our defences.

However, after we lost the long battle against the 'Park Meadow' development, it became clear that the ARA was not strong enough and this is where Chris' meticulous researches triumphed yet again as he discovered that it was possible to transform our Association into an arm of Local Government - a Parish Council.

Together, Chris and I drew up the Parish boundary and incorporated the outlying hamlet of Stodday as we could see that Stodday could also become a target for development. Thus, with the willing help of Lancaster City Council officials, 'Aldcliffe with Stodday Parish Council' was created.

Years pass and time moves on and Chris has moved out of the parish and, regrettably, now feels unable to continue as a Councillor. He leaves behind a considerable legacy for which the Councillors and residents of our two communities will always be grateful.

The Parish Clerk, together with all the Parish Councillors, join with me in thanking Chris for all that he has helped us to achieve. We all wish him well for the future. His energy and enthusiasm will be much missed.

*Nick Webster* Chairman