

# **Champion for Parishes**

## **Report on Expenditure from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018**

To assist the Leader and appropriate Cabinet Members by advising on ways to sustain and improve effective working relationships between the Council and Parish and Town Councils in Lancashire.

The first year has been challenging in many ways, but I have been well received wherever I have been.

The Council finds itself at a low ebb with the Parishes. The main message from them all being issues with the Council's highways faults (potholes) reporting systems. The lengthy twenty working days to respond and lack of action in repairing the potholes being a major source of frustration.

Reassurances were given to all that our administration would get it right as far as all highway matters were concerned. Parishes would still prefer to have an Officer at the Council whom they could contact directly to discuss their highway problems. Parishes acknowledged that having a dedicated member of staff is not the modern way and provided our systems are working satisfactorily that electronic means of reporting faults is the way forward.

I have attended most Lancashire Association of Local Councils meetings and enjoy a good relationship with them and their clerks for the respective areas. I have asked them all to monitor the progress of the systems in place now, and try to get them to use their County Councillors more. It seems very varied the commitment they receive from their County Councillors.

I have been invited throughout the County to area and individual Parish Councils and our administration seems popular with most areas where Parish Councils are in place.

I have used my grant for many diverse projects. I sent one newsletter out to the Parishes highlighting rural slavery and the knowledge they could hold to help the police.

Thanks must go to you all for helping me support this important level of democracy and to Amanda Downes and Janet Nuttall for all their efforts.

***County Councillor Paul Rigby  
Champion for Parishes***

## Schedule of Expenditure for 2017/18

<b>County Councillor Paul Rigby - Champion for Parishes</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>
Whittington Parish Council (Lancaster) – Speed Indicator Device System	£450
Westby with Plumpton Parish Council (Preston) – Defibrillator and casing	£300
Yealand Redmayne Parish Council (Lancaster) Memorial bench and lifebelt	£250
Little Ecclestone with Larbreck Parish Council (Preston) Improvements to village	£300
Wilpshire Parish Council (Ribble Valley) – Replace village entrance sign	£250
Downholland Parish Council (West Lancashire) – Speed Indicator Device System	£600
Old Laund Booth Parish Council (Burnley) – Utilise community car parking	£800
Mellor Parish Council (Preston) – Drainage existing play area	£400
Heath Charnock Parish Council – Memorial Stone	£400
Sabden Parish Council ( Burnley) – Cardio gym equipment	£500
Ribby with Wrea Parish Council (Preston) – CCTV system	£400
Chatburn Parish Council (Burnley) – Speed Indicator Device System	£400
Hutton Parish Council (South Ribble) – Defibrillator	£300
West Bradford Parish Council (Ribble Valley) – War Memorial	£500
Parbold Parish Council (West Lancashire) – purchase little pickers/grabbers	£150
Whittingham Parish Council (Preston) – Warrantly for a defibrillator	£500
Woodplumpton Parish Council (Preston) –Installation of CCTV	£125
Ightenhill Parish Council (Burnley) – Development of Parish website	£350
Newburgh Parish Council (West Lancashire) – Disabled toilet and baby changing tent	£200
Stalmine with Staynall Parish Council (Wyre) – Information boards for the play area and wood	£350
Whitworth Town Council (Rossendale) – Advertisement material for Armistice event	£239
Bickerstaffe Parish Council (West Lancashire) – Celebration event to commemorate WW1	£600
Penwortham Town Council (South Ribble) – Sports equipment for the community centre	£300
Nelson Town Council – Installation of a community defibrillator	£400
Lathom Parish Council (West Lancashire) – New benches for the grassed area	£500
Mawdesley Parish Council (West Lancashire) – Repairs to the War Memorial	£400
<b>TOTAL SPENT</b>	<b>£9,964</b>