

Chairman's Report to the AGM 2026

Since the last AGM, the Parish Council have met on 6 occasions and we have had a site visit to the Wild Boar Park to view the tipis. Three of the meetings were ordinary meetings, we hosted an open meeting for the Parish and for representatives from the Wild Boar Park and we agreed to a further meeting with them in May this year to enable them to make a presentation on their vision of the Wild Boar Park moving forward.

The legitimacy of the wedding venue at the Wild Boar Park has been our main consideration over the last year. At a meeting on the 16th July we considered how we ought to proceed following the lodging of an appeal against the Enforcement Notice. This led to an open meeting on the 27th August at which parishioners had the opportunity to question representatives from the Wild Boar Park on the continued presence of the tipis long after planning permission had been refused.

Members of the Parish Council were subsequently invited to visit the site on the 9th September and we were shown the work that had been done, the site of the tipis and we were told of possible future plans to engage the village of Chipping. The issue of noise was discussed and we were assured that the company were working with Environmental Health and that they intended to put in a new sound system.

Two years after the refusal of planning permission, a revised application was submitted and we agreed to a further meeting with representatives from the Park. They met with us in the Chipping Village Hall on the 14th May and went through their vision for the future. We will continue to monitor the work being carried out on the site and endeavour to ensure that what is done is in the best interests of the Parish which is in a National Landscape with the added responsibilities that this brings with it.

The Diamond Landmark tree at the end of the drive onto the Leagram Estate appears to be thriving and arrangements need to be made for the plaque explaining its existence to be attached.

We have been kept advised about the new Forest of Bowland Landscape Management Plan and the local government reorganisation by Ribble Valley Borough Council and our district councillor, Simon Hore respectively. Our County Councillor, Ian Duxbury is aware of the parking issues that we have experienced in Chipping affecting Bowland and Leagram parishioners and he has been proactive in answering queries that we have raised. The Highway Authority having made checks said that the average speed through the village was 15.8mph. They also said that they would progress the extending of the yellow lines but nothing has happened to date. This is a matter that as a council we should try to progress over the next 12 months.

Representatives from the Council have represented our interests on three village committees, the Brabins Trust, the Village Hall and the Community Land Trust and

reports have been presented to our meetings. This enables us to communicate anything relevant to the parish. Communication remains a concern because of the nature of the Parish but for now newsletters will be sent out after each meeting and the website will be kept updated.

Ribble Valley Planning Department notify the Parish Council of planning applications that fall within the Parish. Over the last twelve months we have been asked to consider the following:

8/8/2025- Holme Farm Cottage -permission sought for it to be used as a Children's Home for up to 3 children and up to 4 staff.

29/10/2025- permission for a two storey extension to a property at Dinckling Green

21/11/2025- permission sought for the conversion of an existing barn and outbuildings to create a 4 bedroom dwelling. Buildings adjacent to Leagram Mill Farm on Green Lane.

15/4/2026-permission to demolish the bungalow and outbuildings next to the war memorial in Chipping and to erect a 2 storey detached self build dwelling including the installation of ground mounted solar panels and the creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access.

29/4/2026 -Revised planning application from the Wild Boar Park to keep the tipis in situ until the 1/11/2028.

The Parish Council have a process to follow on receipt of planning applications. This document is to be recirculated.

I should like to extend my thanks to Fleur, our clerk particularly for her work in ensuring that we now have access to an on line banking system.

In conclusion I should like to thank all the councillors for their commitment and support. Much good work is done behind the scenes engaging with parishioners to ensure that we can represent their interests to the best of our ability.

Claire Davies 19th May 2026