Councillors
Colin Macintosh (Chairman) – Galphay, Nick Jackson (Vice-Chairman) – Winksley, Roger Fleetham - Winksley, Brian Thackray – Mickley and Robert Weatherhead – Galphay, have been Councillors throughout the year.
Jan Lawson was co-opted as the Azerley Ward representative in September 2014 after the resignation of Lauren Carr.
After the retirement of Reg Merrin, Patricia Harling was co-opted as one of the two Mickley ward Councillors in January 2015.

Meetings
The Council has met 12 times since the 2014 annual meetings.
6 meetings were ‘ordinary’ ones when a full agenda of business was considered. A further 6 meetings were called to consider planning applications and other urgent items of business.

Planning and Development
- The Parish Council has considered 21 applications during the past year, an increase of over 30% on 2014!
- Proposals considered have ranged from dwellings to garages to fish passes to works on preserved trees.
- The Parish Council has noted developments with the preparation of Harrogate Borough Council’s Local Plan and has been represented by Councillor Harling at a workshop on this subject. The abolition of the settlement hierarchy and emerging policies are likely to have a potential impact on future development in this parish.
- The Parish Council has been consulted a number of times on proposals for mobile phone masts in this area, initially through a call for sites. Some concerns about the siting of the mast near Mickley were raised during a pre-application consultation; however the Parish Council supported a recent planning application for the siting of a mast at Manor House Farm, Winksley.
- The Parish Council is currently consulting on possible sites to put forward for consideration as ‘Local Green Spaces’ a new designation created by the National Planning Policy Framework.

General
- The Chairman of the Galphay Village Institute has attended a number of Parish Council meetings throughout the year to discuss proposals to replace or improve the facility.
- DTMS Ltd from Fellbeck have continued as the parish caretaker, carrying out 6 hours of maintenance works in the parish each month.
- North Yorkshire County Council has now ceased to carry out, or pay for, verge grasscutting through villages. The Parish Council now contracts Farm & Land Services Ltd to cut the verges throughout Galphay and some in Winksley as well as Galphay Village Green and Mickley verges.
- The Parish Council has commissioned inspections of the all trees which it is responsible for. It is now in the process of obtaining quotes for the work which needs carrying out. Councillor Weatherhead has undertaken training to enable him to undertake the routine inspection of the Council’s trees.
- The Parish Council continued to support the work of the Ripon Office of the local Citizens’ Advice Bureau by making a donation of £100.
- The Parish Council has reported a number of highways issues to North Yorkshire County Council.
- The Parish Council has responded to a number of consultations carried out by principal authorities on the provision of services such as libraries, dog waste bins and buses.
- The Parish Council will work to meet the requirements of the new Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities by increasing the amount of information it displays on its website: www.azerleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk