



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Your Parish Council

The Parish Council is here to serve all parishioners and Councillors hope that you will contact them on any issues affecting the parish. The Parish Council will do whatever is within its powers to resolve any matters raised.

Please feel free to come along to any of our meetings which are held on Wednesday Evenings in our Council Offices on Scalby Road.

The Meeting proper commences at 7.15 pm with a Public Session from 7.00 pm for you to raise any issues you wish Councillors to take onboard.

Forthcoming Council Meeting dates are:

Wednesdays:

9th January 2008

13th February 2008

12th March 2008

9th April 2008

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st May 2008. This meeting, whilst called by the



Chairman of the Parish Council, is your meeting and reports will be made of the activities of the Parish Council. You are able to ask questions or raise whatever issues you feel need to be raised.

All groups/organisations within the parish are welcome to attend and report on their activities. The Parish Council is pleased to support such groups/organisations and recognises their importance to the well being of the parish.

Details of dates and times of council meetings and matters to be discussed are published on the notice boards outside the council offices and outside the library.

Copies of agendas and minutes are available at the library. Details of Parish Councillors, their addresses & telephone numbers are displayed on the notice boards.

Current Matters of Interest

NEW HOUSING SITES

You will have read in the Evening News that Scarborough Borough Council has a Government Target to build several thousand new homes in the Borough. A target which looks likely to be increased. Several of the sites put forward for consideration are in our parish. Under the new Local Development Framework (LDF) sites have been suggested and it will come as no surprise that the main areas where houses can be built to the north of the borough is to utilise land mainly in the Scalby area.

This Parish Council has already received an initial consultation from the Borough Council but at the time of the consultation not all of the possible sites had been identified.

The Housing Allocations (DPD) was exhibited for public viewing at the Parish Hall on Monday 24th September 2007.

The Planning Officer for Forward Planning, Mr S Wilson, from the Borough Council attended the

November Council Meeting to explain this in detail and to answer questions from Councillors.

We will now have to wait and see which sites the Borough Council deem to be appropriate for housing development.

Flat Conversions

A recent planning application to demolish 18 East Park Road, Scalby and to build flats by KFB Scarborough Ltd raised cause for concern.

The Parish Council objected to this proposal as it felt it was an over development of the site, would spoil the amenity of local residents, would have road safety problems with increased traffic and would set a dangerous precedent, which could see the whole area change from large dwellings to flatted dwellings, to the detriment of the character of this area.

The developer appealed the Borough Council's decision to refuse planning permission and we advised the Planning Inspector (*continued on page 2 column 1*)

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ *New Housing Sites identified!*
- ◆ *Converting houses to Flats. Is the face of Scalby about to be scarred?*
- ◆ *In Bloom attempts to brighten up your environment!*
- ◆ *Protecting and enhancing Church Becks Green and Foulsyke Pond!*
- ◆ *Road Safety and Flooding concerns!*
- ◆ *Carr Lane Playing Field*
- ◆ *Bringing Christmas Cheer!*

Current Matters of Interest—Continued

that we agreed with this refusal and stood by the reasons for refusal and that the appeal should be dismissed.

We also objected to the scaled down revised plans for the same reasons.

We will do all that we can to ensure that this form of 'Land Grab' is not countenanced and the street scene of Scalby is not irrevocably ruined simply for profit.

We do not have any qualms with converting houses into flats 'per se' but there is a right time and more importantly a right place for such conversions.

A site visit by the Planning Inspector took place on 25 October 2007 and he has since dismissed the appeal.

This area of Scalby has now been included in the Scalby Conservation Area.

In Bloom Group

The Parish Council has encouraged an In Bloom Group set up with the help and guidance of Roger Burnett, Head of Parks & Countryside at Scarborough Borough Council and his staff.

The purpose of this group is to actively encourage environmental awareness and cleanliness within the parish.

The parish has been entered in the "Yorkshire in Bloom" competition and at the very first attempt were awarded a "Silver" Award.

The Parish Council congratulates them on their success and is pleased to support the In Bloom Groups activities.



A series of events have already taken place, with more planned in the future, on such matters as Litter Picks and Bulb Planting .

This is a voluntary group which meets in the parish council offices. Anyone who wants to join is more than welcome. For further information contact Mike McGuinn, Secretary on 354018.

The group has made successful applications for funding to purchase equipment, plants and bulbs and the Parish Council has pledged its support to this worthy venture.

Please support their efforts; better still why not join them?

Church Becks, Scalby

This area of the parish is not only picturesque but one of the few public open spaces which belongs to the parish. Parish Councillors are keen to preserve and enhance this area for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Under the careful guidance and control of Roger Burnett, the Parks and Countryside Manager of the Borough Council, a scheme has been drawn up in order to preserve, enhance and define the area.

A fence has been erected to protect this area and a mixture of wildflower species, combined with streamside plants of native species, planted to enhance the vista of the natural stream.

This initial planting was undertaken voluntarily by local children and members of the community, working alongside staff from the Parks & Countryside Services.

The memorial benches will be re-sited and new litter bins provided

to blend with the overall effect.

Higher standards of ground maintenance will be undertaken and the grass cut more frequently during the spring and summer months.



Foulsyke Pond

As with Church Becks Green this is also one of the few green open spaces and one which is extremely popular with both the very young and the young at heart.

In 2004 the Parish Council paid for the de-silting of the pond in order to protect and preserve this amenity.

Since that time various improvement works have been undertaken to enhance this asset.

The hard standing area was a risk to health & safety for those who wished to feed the ducks and a new "pontoon" was built together with a new bench as the old one, which was part of the fencing, had rotted away.



Other works are planned for the repair and siting of the bench and picnic table. In addition the fencing will be repainted and new fencing has been introduced to fully enclose this area.

In order to keep the grass looking at its best this will be cut more frequently.

Regular checks are made of the pipes under the Ford to make sure that the water is free-flowing and this is especially important when the pond overflows in heavy and prolonged rainfall. This is a

beautiful and natural asset which Parish Councillors wish to enhance and preserve for the enjoyment of all its residents and its many visitors.

Road Safety

Parish Councillors have been active in various aspects of road safety and wholeheartedly welcomed the improvements along Green Lane and Cross Lane.

They are monitoring the use of this road by tankers from Yorkshire Water in order to ensure that these improvements which provide a Safer Route to School are not compromised by this activity.

Anyone who sees the road being used by these tankers are asked to note the registration number and the time and pass this information to Mike McGuinn, Parish Clerk on 354018.

One of the main causes for concern over road safety is the A171 Scalby Road, the main road through the parish.

Not only are there regular occurrences of speeding but several road traffic accidents, one being a serious one outside the council offices.

Parish Councillors have been campaigning for a number of years and will continue to campaign for more traffic calming measures along the whole length of this road and for measures which will improve traffic flows, especially for those who find it difficult to enter Scalby Road from its many road junctions at both peak and

non-peak times.

The introduction by the Parish Council of the Speed Warning Signs has had a beneficial effect but that alone will not stop accidents. Two more lights are planned to reinforce the need for compliance with the 30MPH limit.

Councillors will continue to fight for improvements on your behalf and it is pleased to say that, after years of campaigning, traffic lights will be installed at the Green Lane/Throxenby Lane junction with Scalby Road in the very near future.

Flooding

Unfortunately for some of our residents they are all too familiar with the effects of flooding both in the recent past and not so recent past.

Parish Councillors are continually lobbying for flood prevention works to be carried out to reduce the risk of future flooding.

Despite The Environment Agency comments that there are other areas in more need than ours and their limited funds have to be

prioritised, Councillors will continue to press them and the Government to provide more resources, as it makes sense to prevent rather than sort out the aftermath.

In a regular maintenance water appears limited. Councillors will continue to press the Borough Council to ensure that these works are carried out.



Sea Cut

lot of cases maintenance of surface drains appear to be limited and Councillors

The Parish Council is currently involved with the Environment Agency and our MP to have maintenance work undertaken to the sea cut between Hackness Road and Scalby Road to reduce the risk of the sea cut overtopping when in flood, placing houses on Scalby Beck Road and Hackness Drive at risk.

After months of lobbying the Environment Agency has promised to remove trees/shrubs and other vegetation and to de-silt the sea cut bed to reduce the risks.

Christmas Lighting (See competition on the back page)

As the festive season approaches Councillors are aware that there are areas within the parish which need a little TLC to brighten up surroundings.

Christmas lights have been provided at the corner of Hackness Road and Scalby Road, Newby and at Stony Lane, Scalby. In 2001 we made a donation to Scalby Village Trust to enable them to provide lights in Scalby Village opposite the Vicarage.

This year the shops at Newlands Park Drive have been provided with some Christmas Cheer.

This is a very well used area within the parish and it is envisaged that a two stage approach to provid-

ing Christmas lights will be adopted.

The first stage this year was to provide lights at either end of the shopping parade. The second stage next year is to hold a "Design a Light" competition to involve local school children and the winning design will be made into a display light which will be the focal point of the lighting display.

What areas in the parish do you feel should have Christmas Lighting? Write to, or email Mike McGuinn, Clerk to the Parish Council. All new Christmas Lights use LED low wattage bulbs and use little electricity, thus minimising the environmental impact whilst producing the desired effect.

Linden Road Open Space

To protect this open space we applied to North Yorkshire County Council to register it as a Village Green.

Work on this aim has been ongoing for some considerable time and the Parish Council extends its grateful thanks to Pam Smettem.

As a result of her efforts evidence questionnaires and photographs have been produced in support of the application.

North Yorkshire County Council has

advertised the application and interested parties had until 22nd October 2007 to register objections.

The only stumbling block is that Scarborough Borough Council has objected in order that Borough Councillors have time to decide if they wish to support it.

There has been 20 years uninterrupted usage without express permission. The actual evidence shows it has been continually used

well in excess of 50 years and we are heartened by the recent test cases at Osgodby and Eastfield where the Courts ruled in favour.

Watch out for developments and lets hope in the run up to Christmas Scrooge is not residing at the Town Hall.

This is a well used green open space and the only one in Newby and it needs to be preserved and enhanced.

Watch for developments.

Carr Lane Playing Field

This land was bequeathed to the former Scalby Urban District Council by the Ellis Family for the use of local residents for recreational purposes.

You will see later how generous a gift this was judging by the numbers of footballers and cricketers who regularly use it, as well as parishioners and visitors watching cricket & football matches.

The Borough Council lay claim to the land as the Successor Authority when the SUDC went out of existence in the 1974 Government Reorganisation.

The Parish Council had always maintained that this was incorrect and that the land belonged to the parish. After seeking legal opinion and negotiating with the Borough Council we are pleased to say that they agreed and the title deeds are now in our possession and we will continue to look after this asset on your behalf.

You will probably know that this playing field is the home of Scalby Cricket and Scalby Football Clubs whose many members and their followers/supporters, as well as visitors in general, gain a great deal of use and satisfaction from this land.

The Parish Council administers a Trust known as the Burchell Trust which provided a sum of money invested in Government Stocks and the interest therefrom used to maintain the playing surfaces.

Representatives from the Cricket & Football Clubs regularly attend

council meetings to provide feedback on the upkeep and to raise any issues which need addressing. The Parish Council is greatly indebted to them for their dedication and resolve to keep the playing field surfaces in tip top condition.

The Chairman of Scalby Football Club, Peter Afford, informs us that



they now have teams at under 8's, 16's & 17's and 2 open age teams.

The under 8's has proven to be extremely popular with large numbers turning out for their first practice match watched by 100 parents and grandparents.

Training for anyone aged over 5 (yes over 5) takes place on Saturday mornings at 10.30 am. Telephone Phil Perry 07740 781670 or 363538. Everyone is most welcome.

Scalby Football Centenary 2012

The football club was founded in 1912 and is seeking any records or memorabilia so that a brochure

can be printed to commemorate this landmark and show the history of the club from its foundation in 1912 to the present date.

Any information, no matter how insignificant or trivial it may appear, will be most welcome.

Please contact Peter Afford on 07825 312779 or 370127.

Scalby Cricket Club

The cricket season is over but if you are interested and wish to play please contact Paul Marton on 374700.

Currently there are 8 senior teams and under 11's, 13's & 15's teams.

General

It is clearly demonstrated by the number of teams both for football and cricket that this playing field is extremely popular and very well used.

Despite the pavilion being vandalised in the past, on several occasions, it has never dampened the enthusiasm of the club's committee members and they are to be congratulated on their hard work and dedication, on a voluntary basis, to ensure that the teams have somewhere to change and to play their chosen sport.

The Parish Council will continue to support and encourage these activities and wish them every success in the current football season and the coming 2008 cricket season.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Councillors will be judging displays at private dwelling houses and prizes will be awarded in 3 categories: Large Display, Medium Display & Small Display.

You do not need to enter as Councillors will visit all displays in December and will contact the winners.

Councillors recognise that a lot of effort goes into some of the displays which bring a lot of pleasure to many parishioners.

Meetings take place on Wednesday Evenings at 7.00 pm for a 7.15 pm start. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Information on the dates and times of and the issues to be discussed at the meetings are contained in an agenda, a copy of which is displayed on the notice boards outside the council offices or the library.

If there are any topics you wish to see as a regular item in future newsletters, in order that you are kept up to date with issues which concern you, or just wish to pass comments on this edition please write to or email the Clerk

From the Chairman, Councillor Derek J. Bastiman

and his Fellow Councillors

Here's wishing everyone A Happy Christmas

And a Peaceful, Happy & Prosperous New Year