



December 18 Christmas Edition Newsletter

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LOCAL PLAN: Andrew Macdonald and Dave Oswin have worked tirelessly with our consultants so that our additional material for the hearings was in on time before the deadline of 7th December. Not only have we submitted information on behalf of our parish pertaining to 7 of the 19 matters that the inspector raised but also a consolidated input with WACG about question 15.7 relating to traffic. We had a joint meeting on 27th November with our "Western Arc Co-operation Group" and Liz Sheard, the Programme Officer appointed by Harrogate Borough Council who is the link with the planning inspector, David Schofield. This co-operative was the second group in the whole borough to have arranged a meeting with her - the first was the Spring Lane SLA Defence group. Meeting with the inspector and HBC officers will take place in January and February where we should be represented by Dave Oswin and Howard West along with our consultant advisers where appropriate. You can see all the documents so far submitted on our planning page - http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Planning_18373.aspx

PARISH CLERK: As most of you will know, our current clerk, Andrew Macdonald will be leaving us shortly because of family reasons. He has been a consummate professional in the execution of his duties and will be sadly missed. All of us, councillors and residents alike, would like to express our sincere thanks to him for his devotion to the task, which has been over and above the call of duty.

We were disappointed with the response to our advertisements both locally and through the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) for a new clerk. We conducted interviews but those concerned had other duties that could not be melded with our own requirements. This is yet another appeal to those in our parish who feel they could devote an average of 12 hours a week to being Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for our parish council. It is a salaried post and we have benefitted from having a clerk so closely associated with the parish; that is ideally what we would seek in his replacement. If you as a reader may not be able to fulfil the role, then perhaps someone you know might be persuaded to contact us. I might add that as with Andrew, no previous experience is necessary but the most important part of the job is to want to be able to help the parish council influence what happens in our villages. Once the arduous task of the Local Plan is behind us, we'll settle back into the routine which is easily manageable with the systems set up by Andrew and Robin before him. If you are interested, please make contact with me on howardwest@virginmedia.com and I'll talk you through the job.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: our consultant is in the process of sifting through the focus group inputs. Once he has made his recommendations, we'll meet with him to plan the next steps. Then we'll be in a position to explain to the community what's going to happen. Although there have been requests to discuss the focus group reports as inputted, it was essential that we had the pointers from an expert in neighbourhood planning on technical points rather than jump the gun.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN: The parish council sponsored event will take place on Monday, 17th December from 6 to 6.30pm on Pannal Green. The new festive lights are all up and running so we should have a good ambience for our singing. After our choral efforts, minced pies and mulled wine will be served in Pannal School along with some cold soft drinks for the younger participants. We regret that dogs will not be permitted in Pannal School, not even Cathy's adorable Leonbergers, who help to collect for Saint Michaels' Hospice – this year's good cause via a collection on the evening.

PARKING: We haven't yet distributed our questionnaire about parking and yellow-lining on Crimple Meadows yet, as our local PCSOs are supposed to be in attendance on some morning and afternoon school set-down and pick-up times, to advise *some* drivers of the error of their

ways.

DOG POO BIN: We will be ordering a bin for placement behind the church so that dog walkers don't have to walk another 100 metres or so to the next nearest bin. Most dog owners respect our green spaces and pavements but some have a complete disregard for logic and the law. Not only will we have this extra bin but our programme to shame transgressors will also be put into operation.

ON THE HORIZON: Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council-sponsored Sustainable Communities Act representation, at national level, to seek mandatory Community Infrastructure Levy implementation will come before the government committee in February. If our recommendation is endorsed, then we hope it will be enshrined in law.

FLASHING SPEED LIGHTS: or VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) will be reviewed by NYCC Highways executive this spring. The NYCC scrutiny committee agreed with our recommendation for parish councils to purchase and fix such signs where we deem them most necessary. We have the local knowledge after all. However, there are some deep-seated prejudices against their deployment by some at County level. They seem to require death or serious injury before they will act and then only with devices as approved by them. We may be forced to take independent action if they don't come up with the solution parish councils want, so watch this space.

MIDDLE CRIMPLE VALLEY: yet another developer is trying to concrete over part of the Crimple Valley. The starting point is a planning application for 10 houses at Crimple House Farm then some 60 more houses adjacent to Hornbeam Park. This is one more attempted incursion into the Special Landscape Area – first Pannal on Rossett Green Lane and Spring Lane, then the Borough Council's PN17, 18, and 19, then Almsford Bank, now Hornbeam. A campaign has been started to combat this development – please check on <https://www.harrogate-news.co.uk/2018/12/05/campaign-launched-to-save-middle-crimple-valley-from-developers-diggers/>

2018: It has been a challenging year with a lot of work for parish councillors and clerk. Needless to say, we will continue in the same vein through the local plan inquiry next year and press on with our neighbourhood plan. All of us on the parish council wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For reference, the most recent newsletter is always posted on both of the Village Notice Boards (at the Memorial Hall and at St Robert's Church) and all newsletters are posted on the website here: <http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Documents.aspx>
Also, if you use Facebook, please join our group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through these periodic newsletters:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pannal-and-Burn-Bridge-Parish-Council-1655335551445518/>

Best wishes,

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and Dave Oswin, Deputy Chairman and Councillors Cathy Burrell, Ian Birchall, Steve Cobb, Harvey Alexander and Ryan Dall.