



Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council - May
Newsletter and notice of Data Protection provisions

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There's a lot of important information in this newsletter and I do hope that you can take the time to read it.

Of major significance is the need for us to apply the provisions of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) by 25th May. In the next few days we'll be in contact again to send you a response form that asks whether you still wish us to hold your information (predominantly your email address). We urge you to respond to this request when it comes – if you don't we have, by law, to take you off the Newsletter mailing list. We will be putting an option onto our website for those who wish to re-apply to be on the list.

To other parish news, as you may know, there has been no election for parish councillors in our parish this year as not enough people put their names forward. The existing councillors have all been elected unopposed and Harvey Alexander from North Rigton was also elected unopposed under the 3 mile residency rule. At the April council meeting, all councillors expressed their disappointment that no-one else from our parish had put themselves forward. There has been plenty of comment from parishioners over the past two years about parish matters but it's action rather than just words that is needed. To fulfil our quota of Councillors we were able to co-opt one more person to the parish council and we welcome Ryan Dall as a new Councillor.

We have a legal obligation to have a parish meeting once a year and ours will be on Thursday, May 17th at Pannal Village Hall in the function room at 6.30 pm. We decided not to go with a speaker this time as last year the event wasn't at all well-attended. Through regular newsletters, we advise residents of what is happening with your parish council and minutes of meetings are published on the website and on noticeboards so there will be nothing new at the parish meeting other than to introduce our new Councillors. We welcome the attendance of residents and should you have any questions, please email the parish clerk with them in advance so that better researched answers can be given if applicable.

We're still waiting for news on planning appeals and a rehashed application for Spring Lane Farm. Requests have been made to HBC but little has come back from them. We have given a robust objection to the proposed development at the bottom of Almsford Bank, even though it is not in our parish. It would however, set a precedent for incursion into the Crimble Valley. When we know more about the Local Plan we'll certainly let you know.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan preparations are going ahead as quickly as we can manage. A consultant has been appointed and we have been in contact with other bodies who have made, or are in the process of producing, such plans. The housing survey will be with you very soon and not too long after, there will be further consultations. Unlike for HBC's Local Plan, our consultation will be meaningful and due note will be taken of the opinions of the parish. However, the borough council still will have the final say in the content of our Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are also appealing for the government to make Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) compulsory instead of leaving borough councils with the option to continue with S106 payments from developers. CIL will give parishes with neighbourhood plans the right to specify where money from developers is spent rather than see that money go to something solely at the whim of higher authorities.

A date for your diary: on Saturday 19th May we are organising a village litter and dog excrement clear up day. Those of you who notice the litter and dog poo and are offended by it – as we are – can come and join us (some litter pickers and black bin bags will be provided – but if you have your own litter picker, please bring it too!). We're meeting at 9.00 am at Crimple Meadows and we'll be finished in good time for the Royal wedding!!

And on a final note, we've been told that the Dunlopillo Chimney will be coming down on 1st June. We are told that "Spectators need to get there for about 10:30am." – when we know more, we'll advise!

Please remember to respond when you receive our newsletter about complying with the new data protection legislation.

Also, you can join our Facebook group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through the periodic newsletters:

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

Best wishes,

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