



April 2024 Newsletter

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Pannal Green

The Green benches are now repaired and able to “solidly confront” whatever the weather continues to throw at us! Let us just hope for the opportunity to enjoy their position in some warm sunshine.

Celebrating and Protecting our Rights of Way

The Parish Council is very appreciative of the offers of help which have come forward from readers: it is good to have confirmation that there is much local enthusiasm for protecting and enhancing our parish paths – thank you.

Councillors will be in touch with the volunteers now to help with work to:

- Walk all the paths in the parish to specifically look for and record the ‘good, the bad and the ugly’ of accessibility issues, impassible surfaces, blockages, barriers and maintenance issues, collating results to work with NYC PROW to rectify issues.
- Identifying/recommending good circular routes starting and finishing in the parish with the potential to produce a guide to routes in a booklet and online.

If you already have a favourite circular walk from the parish that you’d like to share for inclusion in future publicity please again get in touch by emailing the parish clerk at parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk.

Update regarding arrangements for D-Day anniversary celebrations (Thursday 6th June) and a family “Fun Day” (Sunday 9th June)

We are pleased that NYC have recently provided the required permission for holding the anniversary celebrations on Pannal Green, land which is owned by them. There is invariably some considerable documentation compiled in support of the Parish Council’s request with a turn-round usually taking some weeks so it is good to know that it is all “steam ahead”. Councillors are surprised and delighted – especially given across-the-board escalation of prices in all areas – that some suppliers for the event have been able to hold their last year’s prices to us.

Planned NYC Road Restriction Notification – Main Street

Description of works: road closure to allow Northern Gas Networks to abandon and replace a gas main. The Restriction will be in place for a period of 33 days between 29th July-30th August 2024.

The Road Restriction and any associated traffic management can be viewed using the link, below:

<https://one.network/?tm=138328323#>

Repair of Spring Lane wall

Following much to-ing and fro-ing of emails with NYC Highways, councillors are very pleased to have recently been offered the opportunity of meeting with relevant officers in address of this situation. It has been indicated to us that a May date would be suitable and it is very much hoped that our invitation of their attending the parish (rather than at their Boroughbridge offices) will be taken up which would also prove an optimum opportunity to flag up a number of other highway issues.

Your community needs you . . .

We are repeating here a further plea for your support, please, as the current work being undertaken in compiling a Community Resilience Plan cannot be meaningfully developed without your assistance.

Our thanks to Cllr Elatia Sharkey in leading the council on its Community Resilience Planning which, as you may be aware, will be a Plan which addresses in times of dire need (such as localised or widespread flooding / sustained power outages / severe community disruption caused by natural or even man-caused disaster) how support and assistance may be provided within the parish.

To this end, we need to hear from you, please, if you have 1) first aid or medical experience, 2) equipment such as CAB radio, 3) building, 4) plumbing skills, 5) search and rescue and 6) access to farm equipment. Or, are you great in a crisis?

In compiling our resilience plan we are looking for – and will be dependent on – volunteers who are able to be called on in the event of an incident. We would be delighted to hear from you if you feel you could provide assistance; please email Jane at parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk in the first instance. We will very much appreciate your consideration, thank you.

Neighbourhood Plan update

The clerk informed councillors of the pleasing progress of the Neighbourhood Plan through its required channels in that the External Examiner has now submitted her report for “fact checking” by the Steering Group so it is “nearing the end of its marathon” with regard to finalization.

Additionally, confirmation was made that the Steering Group – well-supported by its consultant – has endorsed the Decision Grid with regard to the necessary Regulation 16 further consultation which pertains to Design Codes. These Codes refer specifically to the parish’s context and which are translated into Neighbourhood Plan policies designed best to protect and enhance the quality of the villages’ character.

All those who have worked so long and hard on your behalf in producing a document which will guide and hopefully protect the villages in the foreseeable future are delighted that the process is near completion with a supportive NYC officer liaising efficiently between the Parish Council and the External Examiner.

9th May ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - ALL WELCOME

Every year in May – and following the “usual” Parish Council meeting – the Annual Parish Meeting takes place which is an opportunity for you, our parishioners, to meet your councillors, ask questions and contribute to the plans for the coming year. So please come to this Annual Parish Meeting which would follow normal council business at 7.30pm - with items to be included such as the Community Resilience Plan / Western Arc infrastructure situation together with this Year’s Plan.

The Scouts have kindly offered the Parish Council use of their newly refurbished premises for a meeting and it is envisaged – should the date of 9th May be convenient – to hold the next meeting on their site. Should this date not prove convenient for the Scouts then the format outlined would take place as usual at the village hall. **Venue details will be confirmed via a further email communication.**

We would also be delighted if anyone would like to join us for a social / informal chat after the meeting – venue to be confirmed.

Litter Pick. . .and litter bin

Our thanks are extended again to Mrs Liz Brown and her volunteer group for the organisation of a further litter pick in the parish when the great (but disgusting!) achievement of 17 large rubbish bags were filled. Councillors are very appreciative of her ongoing commitment in running this event – it is just very disappointing that these bags of rubbish evidence the lack of care and responsibility taken by those who liberally disrespect the parish environment.



Below is photographic evidence of the final placement of the much-moved bin on Station Road and opposite the Mill Lane entry. We hope its roots are long!



Best wishes

Cllr Cathy Burrell (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr Neil Permain (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Steve Cobb, Andrew Farrar, Elatia Sharkey, Cliff Trotter and Helen Hayes

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