



August 2024 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT – your Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is delighted to confirm NYC's approval of your Neighbourhood Plan and which will now go to referendum on **Thursday 3rd October 2024 in Pannal Village Hall's Function Room** which will be open from 6.30am-11.30pm. All parishioners will receive a ballot card for their use on this occasion.

A bit of background history – in 2016 and shortly after the inception of the Parish Council, HBC's approval was sought to develop a plan after which the process was initiated. This was put on hold shortly after as councillors were heavily committed in challenging HBC's proposed Local Plan building development behind St Robert's Church / on Spring Lane and Leeds Road – and then further delayed by the pandemic's working constraints. The commitment and motivation for a plan was reinvigorated in the Spring of 2021.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document, with legal standing, and which enables local communities to play a much stronger and positive role in shaping the area in which they live and work. It takes a long-term view of how a community sees itself developing and, as such, encompasses a wide range of topics from land use to commercial development, from transportation to nature reserves. For the volunteers who have undertaken neighbourhood planning in many communities like ours, the activity presented a steep learning curve and required many hours of extra-curricular activity. Please find a copy of the Plan here:

[http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/ UserFiles/Files/Neighbourhood%20Plan/NP%20Nov%202022%20Submission%20Document/NOV22%20Pannal%20and%20Burn%20Bridge%20Submission%20NP%20-%20Final%20Draft.pdf](http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Neighbourhood%20Plan/NP%20Nov%202022%20Submission%20Document/NOV22%20Pannal%20and%20Burn%20Bridge%20Submission%20NP%20-%20Final%20Draft.pdf)

All parishioners will have received various consultation documents during the process of shaping the plan in the last three years and the Parish Council and Plan Steering Group have very much appreciated and been guided by your valued responses – after all, **it is your plan, for your village and your community**. Councillors and volunteers have served as the tools in implementing its progress through various stages and to the point of success with the External Examiner and final validation by NYC.

It is now up to you! Please vote!

Crimple Meadows

We have received positive and super feedback from parishioners regarding appreciation felt for the new path and which will enable a relatively dry route from the road up to the children's playground and gym equipment this coming autumn and winter – and, indeed, to connect with the footpath at the top of the park. Contact has been made with NYC and the contractor confirming the need to reinstate a grass area on the left-hand side of the path, walking from the road.

Councillors continue to work with North Yorkshire Council to explore the opportunity to plant a few more trees within the park as part of an overall effort to find opportunities to increase tree cover and further 'green' the parish, bringing benefits of attractive environments to walk and play in, shading in summer and greening views. We're building in some very helpful parishioner feedback on the best locations and where to avoid and will develop planting proposals with NYC expert advice. The proposed plan will be shared for further input from parishioners.

The idea to place some extra benches in the park for picnics and resting is still being considered but does not necessarily link to the trees and some useful locations have again been suggested by parishioners so we'll return with plans for these too later.

Autumn Litter Pick

Our grateful thanks again to Mrs Liz Brown for her continued organization of our biannual parish litter collection – it is unfortunate and shameful that they are always so productive! Should you wish to join her and her volunteer group, the litter pick will take place on **Saturday 28th September** when the group gathers in St Robert's churchyard at 10am. All will be warmly welcomed with high-viz vests and litter pickers provided.

In support of NYC's recent "Let's Talk Rubbish" information circulation, we have been provided with some anti-litter posters which will be placed around the villages.

Parish planters

Councillors – together with Jane, our clerk – would like to thank Anne Smith and Mel Raine very much for their kind and accepted offers to take on the care and maintenance of two planters: the one by the Parish Council / St Robert's noticeboard and the second in front of the Village Hall. The planter at the top of Burn Bridge Road is yet to be claimed! Should you feel you have a little and occasional time to water and manage this planter then please don't hesitate to contact parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk.

Village Hall defibrillator

The Parish Council assumes "ownership" and management of this very important and potentially life-saving piece of equipment. The adult pads have just been replaced as they are required to be every two years with the system being overseen by The Circuit which is a national defibrillator network with links to every ambulance service in the U K. Our clerk is required to regularly register its status on The Circuit and is notified immediately of any problem.

Parish Bench report

Steve Cobb's recently provided report on the condition of the benches placed through the locality was much appreciated by councillors: six of these twenty-four benches are owned by the Parish Council with the residue falling under the care of NYC. The Parish Council owned benches are all fairly new and in sound condition whereas the NYC benches generally require refurbishment and / or a repaint. It was decided at a recent meeting to approach NYC to gauge whether they would be willing to pass responsibility / ownership of these eighteen benches to the Parish Council – but only once their condition is brought up to standard. This would then mean that councillors would have the authority to undertake repairs as and when needed.

Join us for the imminent "Walk the Bounds" – final update before the event on Saturday 22nd September!

There will be two recommended routes for the boundary walk. A longer route of approximately 7.5 miles which runs right around the parish boundary - a lot along the boundary itself and as close as possible otherwise – and a shorter route option of 3.5 miles which covers part of the boundary

The start and finish of both routes is The Black Swan pub. Much care has been taken in the choice of these routes to make them as pleasurable, accessible and as safe as possible and all are on public footpaths or roadside paths. However, this is not a guided walk and of course everyone needs to take responsibility for their own wellbeing on the day. We'll aim to all set off together (all routes start in the same direction) at 10.00am but will leave it to everyone to continue at their own pace individually or in groups to suit.

Gather for the group start from 9.30am for breakfast refreshments at the Black Swan pub before starting the route of your choice. Route cards and maps will be available at the pub as well as photography and children's nature competition information.

In order that we may make suitable refreshment provision, please may we encourage those who are interested in taking part to let Jane know (parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk). We will also send out route cards and GPX files of the routes to anyone registering ahead. Thank you.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In past years it has been usual – unless otherwise deemed necessary – to not convene an August meeting but, this summer, in reflection of working councillors' holiday commitments there will be *no* September meeting and instead the Parish Council met on 29th August. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 3rd October 2024 at 7pm and preceded by the Planning Committee meeting.

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

For reference, the most recent newsletter is always posted on the Village Notice Board (at the Village Hall) and all newsletters are posted on the website here: <http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Documents.aspx>

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