



July 2022 Newsletter

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There's a lot going on at the moment so we'll provide you with the highlights rather than give detail on every minuscule in this newsletter. The Parish Council's meeting minutes contain the detail and are available on our website as always. There is a lot of administrative information which, although essential, doesn't make fascinating reading.

WEST HARROGATE INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY SCHEDULE (WHIDS)

The long-awaited missing part (WHIDS) of the West Harrogate Parameters Plan (WHPP) has been released in draft form to selected stakeholders: we're one of them. This was late on Thursday, so we didn't get the chance to comment at our Parish Council meeting. Initial reaction is that, as expected, what is being proposed is the minimum the developers have persuaded HBC and NYCC to accept. As it is in draft form, we have the opportunity to comment but history tells us that little change will be made - whatever deficiencies are exposed.

We forecast that very little of significance would be proposed which would cater for the enormous increase in traffic through our parish and that seems to be the case. On top of that, investigations are ongoing so it really is nowhere near completion yet. A map of the small changes has been supplied but it's too detailed to be included in this newsletter. Even that has been drawn by Gladman – the developer.

As far as our parish is concerned, they're proposing a few bits of widening, lots of SLOW signs, traffic lights at the bridge in Burn Bridge, some changes to the Pannal Bank/ A61/Follifoot Road Junction and very little else. There is no evidence available to us of trip rates, modal shifts or detail on which the modifications are based. There are some changes to Buttersyke roundabout over to the end of Burn Bridge Lane but that isn't in our parish. Similarly, Oatlands junction which was previously stated as impossible to mitigate, is scheduled for a change with lane modifications – something we have advocated for years. We'll see what happens after our "consultation" this week.

We note that the new settlement at Green Hammerton of some 3000 homes will have a new name, a complete programme of investigation and infrastructure to cater for the traffic et al. None of this was considered for the 4000 homes on Harrogate's Western Arc.

ALMSFORD BANK

Yet another planning application was submitted for 35 houses on the SLA on the northern banks of the Crimple River. Access had been highlighted by the case officer as the principal driver - which is very worrying as NYCC rarely/never refuse applications based on access issues. Should access be deemed acceptable then "permission in principle" would be granted with all the detail to come in the reserved matters. NYCC Highways appear to have permitted development across the whole of the Western Arc without any objections on access grounds, so even with access on the most dangerous part of the A61 in question, we're worried about their lack of concern.

JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

The bench ordered by the Parish Council has been delivered and will be installed in Crimple Meadows recreation field as soon as the installer can fit it into his schedule.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

All the replies to the consultation have been assessed on planning grounds by our planning consultant and the Steering Group. Some modifications have been made following those comments. However, some albeit well-meaning ideas have been declined because they are baseless in planning law.

We appear to be just ahead of the game with respect to timing and our consultant has praised the efforts of the Steering Group in getting to this stage as efficiently as we have. Without inputs from Focus and Steering Groups we would still be in the doldrums. All project details are available in the sub-section of our website.

FOOTBALL PITCHES ON BELLWAY DEVELOPMENT

These are still not up to the standard as required by the Football Association and no plan is in place yet for their future management. This is not a Parish Council issue but we have applied pressure to HBC and to Bellway to resolve this quickly and before Bellway leave the site as their build programme is nearing completion.

SUMMER BREAK

There will be no parish council meeting in August as usual but work goes on with your councillors and clerk using executive powers as resolved in previous meetings.

Enjoy your summer hols!

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>

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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