



July 2023 Newsletter

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The new North Yorkshire Council is taking a while to settle in and communications with the new set-up are not yet trouble-free. Please be patient, as we have been assured matters will improve as officers and the public get used to another way of operating.

PLAYING FIELDS

Throughout the summer months one would expect we will be using such facilities more often. Residents have complained that after mowing there is a significant amount of dry – or damp – grass left on the surface of Crimple Meadows which readily accumulates on foot ware / pushchair wheels, etc. This is most likely due to the interval between mowing being too long. We will be asking for the parks department to address this as soon as possible.

The footpath across Crimple Meadows appears to be edging closer and we have again asked NYC that this is undertaken during dry weather to avoid a quagmire. The same applies to a drainage plan for the entrance from the roadway.

We have provided the optimum route for a path via a line drawn on a drone photograph taken by our Cllr Andrew Farrar which has been accepted by one of the NYC parks officers.

The football field and LEAP (a type of play area) on the former Dunlopillo site remain problematic. Apparently, discussions have moved on with respect to the football pitches but we still await confirmation from NYC, Forward Investments and Bellway as there are split responsibilities. We will do our utmost to help but it is up to the NYC Planning Enforcement team to ensure that the conditions of the planning application are met by owners/contractors. Having the LEAP (the play area next to the car parking spaces) and football pitches ready is long overdue.

Some will have noticed that there is now a sprung animal for younger children in the (NYC owned) play area at Crimple Meadows and that a coat of paint has been applied to equipment where appropriate. The adult gym equipment has had its annual inspection and passed all tests. This inspection is in addition to the regular checks made.

DEFIBRILLATORS

We are pleased to announce that the most recent unit has been installed at Pannal Methodist Church. Special thanks to Echo Green (the company managing the new development which replaces the Dunlopillo office block) for providing this unit.

Many people are unclear as to how one should use a defibrillator and some have asked for the access code to their nearest cabinet. There is a simple procedure in place:

- 1) Call 999 and ask for ambulance/defibrillator.
- 2) They will advise the nearest suitable location and provide the access code to a cabinet and alert the nearest ambulance.
- 3) Please note: if you somehow have simply acquired the access code then you would be on your own with no ambulance alerted so please call 999 first!
- 4) Once the ambulance service has given you the optimum location and access code, go to that location, put in the code via the buttons and open the cabinet and take out the unit.
- 5) Operating the defibrillator is automatic; just open up the lid of the box and follow the voice instructions. Hopefully an ambulance will already be on its way with expert help but just go ahead and use it. There are failsafe mechanisms in place so you can't do any harm and could save a life.
- 6) Once the ambulance service has noted the call and the location, they will send a message to the recognised keeper of the unit (that's the Parish Council for the unit outside the village hall) and ask them to check if it has been used or if it needs new pads and is fully charged. We have a spare set of leads so can issue them to any unit in the parish that is registered on the North Yorkshire Ambulance "Circuit" system.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We checked through all the comments from various respondents to the recent consultation. One can imagine that some responses were from those with self-interest, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Some simply didn't make sense, so were discounted. Our consultant advised us only to change some minor things relating to wording but mainly to stick with what we had written. It will then be up to the examiner to decide what is right and proper. The examiner is a totally independent and qualified person and was chosen jointly by the Parish Council and NYC.

We will wait for responses from her and then go onto the next stage of the process.

BUSES

NYC is conducting a survey on a number of subsidised bus services, probably with a view to their continuation or possible changes. If you have a view on this (there's only one that affects our parish; it's the DR04 – the demand responsive service for south Harrogate villages), please advise Jane, our parish clerk parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk and we'll feed it back to NYC.

WESTERN ARC INFRASTRUCTURE

This problem affects all of us with the continually increasing traffic rat-running through our parish without our knowing of any significant specified improvements to our road network. Our reply to County Cllr Keane Duncan will result in a face-to-face meeting with NYC and P&BBPC plus representation from the Western Arc Cooperation Group. We're delighted to accept Cllr Duncan's invitation to be able to discuss specifics rather than simply listen to NYC among nearly 50 other stakeholders with their numerous interests in their next online consultation. We trust Cllr Duncan will continue to be a very useful conduit to NYC given his recent selection as mayoral candidate for York and North Yorkshire.

We, (HAPARA members and I) had a very useful meeting with the developer, Banks, who is going to build on part of the H51 allocation off Whinney Lane. They told us much more than we have gleaned from NYCC or HBC. The good news is that Banks intend to specify air or ground-sourced heat-pumps in their development and consider solar panels from the start. It had been our contention all along that alternatives to gas boilers should have been an integral part of the planning conditions. We hope the other developers will follow suit.

Banks, however, were not optimistic on the road infrastructure issue. They, and other developers, hired a consultant and the recommendations are subject to another study by NYC's appointed consultant. Let's hope for good news when we meet with Cllr Duncan and NYC's officers responsible for highways.

To those of you who constantly ask what is happening to alleviate our congestion, rat-running and sometimes dangerous traffic flow on the narrow roads through the parish, please could you bear with us until we get some finite information in the hoped-for not-too-distant future.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Unless there are problems needing resolution face-to-face in the interim, our next meeting won't be until 14th September. This doesn't mean we will be all going on holiday; our work will continue as required.

Best wishes

Howard West, Chairman, howard.west@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk
and Cathy Burrell, Deputy Chairman, and Councillors Cliff Trotter, Steve Cobb, Andrew Farrar and Neil Permain

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