



March 2025 Newsletter

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Dates to note please:

Thursday 10th April is the next Parish Council meeting with Planning to start at 6.30pm as usual followed by the full meeting at 7pm.

Thursday 8th May full council meeting from 6-8pm to accommodate the Beacon Lighting VE Day anniversary event at 8.45pm in St Robert's church car park and to which you are all invited and will be welcomed for the "usual" liquid refreshments with some music provision.

Sunday 11th May Family Fun Day on Pannal Green – arrangements are well in-hand for this previously much-enjoyed event which will run from noon-5pm. There will be a repeat provision of refreshments such as the Cow Corner Bar, a Bar B Q, pizza, coffee and ice-cream and we are delighted to confirm that there will be stalls manned by St Michael's Hospice, Horticap and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. In addition – and to whet your appetites without giving too much away! – there will be a number of competitive children's events, a repeat of the Dog Show, and some new and exciting activities for children and adults alike alongside the inflatable Bouncy Castle. This is your event organised by councillors and volunteers in appreciation of our parish – please keep the date in your diary.

Thursday 15th May from 7-9pm – the Annual Parish Meeting to which you are all invited has been put back from 8th May (for the above reason) and will be held in the Function Room of the Village Hall. It is anticipated that the subjects of address will be 1) our Neighbourhood Plan, 2) North Yorkshire Council's developing Local Plan and 3) the associated "call for sites" situation. We hope we shall look forward to seeing you then.

Councillor resignation

It was with regret that we received Cliff Trotter's resignation last week. Since the inception of the Parish Council in 2016 Cliff has been a tremendous support to councillors and this during the time that he was an active North Yorkshire councillor (for 25 years) when he provided a wealth of advice born of experience and wisdom.

In recognition of his service to communities Cliff was awarded the prestigious Honorary Alderman status for the county. Additionally, many of you will be unaware of his passionate commitment in supporting junior football in the area not only where he is a Life President of Pannal Ash Junior Football Club but also co-founder and Life President of the Harrogate and Craven Junior Girls Football League who recently designated their Volunteer of the Year Award and naming it after "the legendary Cliff Trotter".

For the last nearly two years he has been a valued member of the Parish Council, and it has ever been a privilege for councillors and clerks to benefit from his input and knowledge. Our gratitude and thanks to you, Cliff, you will be much missed.

As a consequence, we have a councillor vacancy. . .

In accordance with NYC's appointment process and our adherence to their required timescale, a Notice of Vacancy will be posted on the website (home page: link [VacancyNotice 200325 for 090425.pdf](#)) and in the village hall noticeboard on Friday 21st March and which will conclude on 9th April. The Notice confirms that if ten electors express an interest in becoming a councillor then an election will take place, if less then an appointment may be made by co-option. We would very much encourage your expressions of interest and councillors would be very pleased if you would like to make contact with Jane, our clerk (parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk) when an informal discussion could take place with councillors and to answer any questions you may have.

NYC's developing Local Plan

We have received a number of comments expressing concern regarding the current – and very extensive – “call for sites” online map regarding potential development areas in and surrounding the parish and which have been submitted by landowners and developers as part of the development of a new Local Plan for North Yorkshire. Whilst there is no complacency felt by your councillors for this developing situation, they would like to provide some reassurance that this is just an accumulated *wishlist* by contributors and does not reflect any conclusive situation. Doubtless, once this “call for sites” timescale has concluded NYC will give its considerations to what is actually feasible.

As a consequence, the Parish Council resolved to establish a committee to address NYC Local Plan issues and its members will meet in a timely manner according to the determined timescales.

Litter pick – Saturday 12th April

Again, we are grateful to Liz Brown for her organisation of this unfortunately necessary twice-yearly event. It is envisaged that it will start at 10am from the church car park when black bags and litter pickers will be supplied. Please support Liz and her team of volunteers in this worthwhile and productive activity – it is rewarding to know that for a short time at least our parish will be in better and tidier shape! Should you wish to contact Liz directly she will be very happy to hear from you: liz brown lizbrown42@hotmail.com.

Crimple Beck situation

Following the pollution update from the Environment Agency in the February newsletter, it is concerning to have learnt that the liquid waste outflow into the beck has continued and intensified during the last two weeks. We have been in touch again with the EA to alert them to this disappointing and unexpected situation and have been given reassurances that the matter will be further investigated.

The Digital Switchover of Landlines: What You Need to Know

We have been provided with the following information:

“The UK’s landlines are getting an upgrade and soon most phone calls will be made over a broadband line. Don’t worry, your landline is here to stay. Your phone number won’t change, and over 99% of handsets work with the new system. For most customers, the move to Digital Voice, BT’s new home phone service is as simple as plugging your phone into a router rather than the phone socket on the wall. If you don’t have broadband, don’t worry, BT will be offering a dedicated landline service, allowing customers to use their landline in the same way they do today.

If you identify as vulnerable or need additional support, please contact your phone company. BT customers can call 0330 1234 150.

If you use a healthcare alarm or medical pendant which allows you to press for help in an emergency, or a burglar alarm, inform your phone company check with your equipment provider about any needed upgrades before the switch.

For more information visit: <https://www.bt.com/digitalvoice>”

Best wishes

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

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