



May 2022 Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent election, where all candidates who put their names forward were elected unopposed, those councillors signed their declarations of office. The chairman was re-elected to office as was the vice-chairman. New councillors, Andrew Farrar and Cliff Trotter will be welcomed onboard at the June meeting. It is hoped that Andrew will take on some of Ian Birchall's financial and planning duties and Cliff will be a tremendous asset in linking with NYCC: the future NYC-officers will remain basically the same.

The meeting was taken up for the most part by approval of various documents deemed necessary in the running of the council by the local authority and national statute – ie bureaucracy.

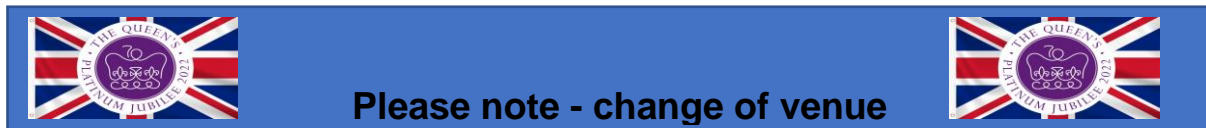
The parish meeting, held after the annual meeting was again a brief affair as no member of the public attended.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There have been some appreciative comments about the pre-submission plan for consultation and the obvious amount of work that has got us to this stage. May we ask those of you who haven't responded by Survey Monkey yet to do so as soon as possible and in any event before the Jubilee weekend. Please note that Survey Monkey is the optimum way to comment, as that allows collation of replies. Any other form of response is intended only for those who have difficulty in accessing a computer or are uncomfortable with using electronic media.

All responses will be handled by the Steering Group and our consultant when we next convene a meeting.

JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY



We decided to abandon the Thursday evening event at the Scout Hall due to logistical problems. However, the good news is that we will relocate on that **Thursday 2nd June** to the car park at St Robert's church where we will light the beacon in line with the national celebrations. It will be somewhat similar to Carols on the Green as we'll have some singing and Prosecco served plus some soft drinks for those who prefer it (or are obliged by age to do so). Fireworks will be set off from the churchyard.

The **Sunday 5th June** event will go ahead as planned on Crimple Meadows recreation ground with a host of games, competitions, a display of Pannal throughout our Queen's reign and of course, please bring your own picnic. Some shelter and Portaloos will be provided. Liquid refreshments (a bar service and coffees) will be available as will musical entertainment for all ages. After the festivities on the field, an open-air service will be conducted by Rev John Smith.

Watch out for the parish council's Facebook page for any new developments, details or changes.

DEMOLITION OF THE DUNLOPILLO BUILDING

Councillors recognised the dust problem which had been caused to the neighbouring vicinity by the developer's "brick crushing" activities and appreciated that the situation had been exacerbated by the recent strong breezes in spite of the developer's use of the water cannon to mitigate dust spread. Various mitigation measures had been addressed within the developer's Site Management Plan but it is, of course, HBC's responsibility to follow up any resident complaints made. It is understood that the "brick crushing" function was to sustainably accommodate re-use of the residue within the new build foundations.



If only the site of the old office block could just be cleared, that would be ideal. Even the pile of bricks is a huge improvement on the eyesore that was the skeleton building. That's not to be of course but we'll have the luxury of clear views everywhere until building the flats starts.

WINDMILL FARM

As we have mentioned, this application for up to 1000 homes, a school and employment sites hit the borough council and comments had to be made by 4th May. This seems

nonsensical as the most critical part of the Parameters Plan (the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule/plan) that was insisted upon by the Local Plan Inspector, still isn't ready. How can local people comment on proposals when there is no yardstick to measure it by? There is a whiff of collaboration between developers and HBC so that the critical issues of traffic and transport won't come under the scrutiny of the public but be left to the vagaries of the planning committee. We may decide to campaign to have the hearing postponed until after the IDS/P has been signed off: it's only common sense that that should happen.

Needless to say, we (along with HAPARA, and other Parish Councils) will brief those planning committee councillors with the real information they need to make a decision. From what we have seen, only very limited measures are planned to handle traffic to and from this huge site. A cycle path down Otley Road will contribute very little and nothing whatsoever to mitigate all the traffic that will create havoc in our parish. Of course, we don't know if anything else is planned because the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule/Plan is an unknown quantity to all but HBC and NYCC officers. It seems the traffic measures could be aligned to the Windmill Farm application only. What about the effects of the other 3000 houses on the Western Arc? During recent hustings the issue of a western bypass was raised again and received some positive reaction. That's not at all surprising as we know from our own SID data that traffic numbers have increased substantially since pandemic restrictions ended and that's before even one of those 1000 new houses has been built.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We saw also from the SID data that there are still drivers travelling at more than double the 30MPH speed limit on Church Lane. Our inside line from North Yorkshire Police is that excessive speeding is certainly not limited to those simply travelling through but - indeed - are resident in the parish. We'll be starting a new rota for Speedwatch soon, so please join with us to help combat those who North Yorkshire Police don't challenge - those in the 20MPH limit close to our school. Please just drop Jane an email and we'll add you to the list.

FINALLY...

It may be prudent that we again highlight the responsibilities of parish, borough and county councils. Your Parish Council has limited powers under legislation and although we frequently challenge the inadequacies of both HBC and NYCC where appropriate, it is those councils that are the first port of call for anything to do with highways, potholes, footpaths, general waste, education, public transport etc., etc. We'll aim to publish a list in the next newsletter but for most questions, please check the HBC website first. They have a very useful guide.

This will be our last year under the jurisdiction of HBC before everything shifts to North Yorkshire Council. Officers are already very much involved with the shift but we will still maintain pressure to try to ensure we have the service that high council taxes command.

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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