



May 2023 Newsletter

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We're now into our eighth year as a Parish Council and this one is likely to be as challenging as any to date with NYC settling in – albeit with a lot of the same personnel as with HBC. Unfortunately, we'll have to manage without our long-standing vice-chairman and chairman of our planning committee. Cllr Dave Oswin is retiring at the end of this month, predominantly after illness has laid him low of late but also because he feels he should give an opportunity for a younger person to take on some responsibility within our community. A letter which touched on the recognition and appreciation felt for his contributions was read out at the recent meeting and which included:

“Your work regarding various charitable activities and for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on behalf of the Parish Council deserve extra praise, as does work on projects benefitting our community (bird boxes being one of them) together with your ever-present consideration for those less fortunate than ourselves.

These are just a few highlights: much time and energy has been expended on other topics - too numerous to mention!

On behalf of current and past members of Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council, please accept our heartfelt thanks. Your humour and presence will be much missed, Dave, together with your timeless commitment and professionalism.”

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This was held on 11th May, immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Council. As parishioners are aware, members of the public and press are always welcome to attend any meetings of the council with this parish meeting offering a particular opportunity for specific attendance. As a consequence of no public being present, no matters were raised.

At the Annual Meeting of the parish council, yours truly was re-elected chairman, in absentia. Cllr Cathy Burrell has agreed to act as vice-chairman of the council and chairman of the planning committee. All the legal necessities were observed and we look forward to a new and, hopefully, much improved relationship with our new unitary authority, NYC.

CORONATION FUN DAY

What a splendid effort!

Even with help from members of the community, the bulk of the work in organisation and implementation of the event was achieved, as with the platinum jubilee last year, by Cathy Burrell. Thanks too, to Jane Turner, Headteacher at Pannal School, and of course to Jane, our parish clerk for her sterling efforts in logistics.



The event – led by Cathy, acting as Event Manager – and supported by an excellent team of volunteers together with other councillors, was held on Sunday 7th May. Following an inclement start, the sun shone on Pannal Green and gave all who attended a wonderful and enjoyable afternoon. Special thanks go to Rev John Smith without whose support the event could not have taken place having provided 11th hour approval to re-site the event within the Church car park and adjoining area. Also, much appreciation to Pannal primary school for their invaluable loan of games equipment.

A host of fun activities were provided including “beat the goalie”, a tug of war for children and adults alike, a number of races for all ages, numerous children-run stalls including face painting and “tattoos”, a very popular cake stall together with a bouncy castle. Sustenance was provided by the Cow Corner bar, an ice cream van and a burger bar.



Many families brought their dogs with them – the dog show proved very popular (organised by Cathy, her brother Harry and mother Ann) and included classes such as “the handsomest dog”, “the prettiest female dog”, “the best sausage catcher” and “the dog the judge would most like to take home”.



Musicians and a DJ provided a background festive feel to the event and it was unanimously thought to be a very successful afternoon raising a generous amount of over £2,700 for local charities.

The inability to hold our event on Crimble Meadows recreation ground has been highlighted to NYC with a request to prioritise drainage work in the summer holidays.

HIGHWAYS

At the time of writing, there has still been no response to our request to Area 6 for a schedule of highway improvements. We find it difficult to understand why they cannot advise us of their schedule for the coming two years but would settle for one year (if Station Road and Main Street were on the list).

BENCH ON DRURY LANE

This has been delivered and installed. We trust it will be well-used and a welcome resting place for those who have trudged up Walton Park without any opportunity for a break en route. North Yorkshire Council Highways Area 6 has expressed its delight at the installation as have several residents.



RUBBISH BINS

These have finally been re-sited on Malthouse Lane and Station Road.

Best wishes

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

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