



December Newsletter 2020

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Most of you should have received a leaflet through your doors asking for further help with our plan. If not, you soon will. Please do respond and offer your help. This can be in many ways but many hands make light work. We will recommence our activities in earnest in the New Year. Remember, it will be *your* plan but it must also conform to the rules within HBC's Local Plan. At last week's Parish Council meeting we resolved to re-engage with our consultant and recommence discussions with the focus groups.

PLANNING

The Parish Council's submission opposing the development of 48 homes, as proposed for Spring Lane Farm location and adjoining land of some 9 acres, has been submitted for the appeal process which will be by a Government Inspector. This appeal must be by written submission, so if you wish to make representation, please quote APP/E2734/W/20/3259171 with online submission to the Planning Inspectorate through the link:

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or via email appeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Detailed information regarding the appeal application can be found via the HBC portal, please refer to link: <https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/appealDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=QGG1G4HYOEI00>.

The closing date is 30th December but please don't delay.

Last week, the Parish Council's planning committee resolved to object to 2 planning applications, both concerning Pannal Green. The first involved HBC's programme to demolish garages and erect houses. This application, to demolish 8 garages would result in the loss of many parking spaces and cut off access to a resident's garden and has the hallmark of being just the start of more of the same on Pannal Green from HBC. The second involves Crystal Court Care Home where they want to add another 8 rooms without any increase in parking spaces. Parking for residents is already a nightmare on Pannal Green and these proposals would only exacerbate the problem, let alone the effects of construction traffic.

SPEEDING

Jon Hunter from North Yorkshire Police Traffic department attended our most recent Parish Council meeting after email correspondence regarding data from our SIDs. NYP appears reluctant to use speed detection technology (they don't like to say laser guns) unless recorded speeds by more than 85% of traffic exceed a certain limit. They appear happy to deploy on Leeds Road and in Huby where the chances of revenue generation appear to be higher but risk is lower. As with NYCC, NYP are reluctant to take action unless someone has been killed or seriously injured.

We had a detailed discussion on possible engineering solutions to the speeding problem on Church Lane and Main Street but final responsibility lies with NYCC Highways. This included "bolt-down" chicanes. We will work with Jon Hunter and NYCC to see if such solutions can be implemented as we're not prepared to wait for a fatal accident.

Data from the Burn Bridge SID shows that there is not a speeding problem northbound and only a few transgressors southbound which bears out the statistics gathered by Community Speedwatch. 96% of vehicles travelled at 30MPH or less, 3.5% between 31 and 34MPH and 0.5% between 35 and 39MPH, 0.077% from 40 to 44MPH and 0.05% above 45MPH. There will always be irresponsible drivers but on this road the occurrence is far below averages for 30MPH limits. Whether speed is **appropriate** to the width and conditions of the road on stretches of Burn Bridge Lane/Road and Yew Tree Lane is another matter.

You may have noticed the SID at the end of Crimple Meadows has not been functioning at 100%. We have contacted the supplier and believe foggy and dark cloudy conditions have impaired the solar charging. A battery charger to supplement the solar panel may be purchased. Several vehicles travelled at around 60 -70MPH on Church Lane in the last month according to the SID data there. NYP stated that if the roads were reassessed for limits today, both Yew Tree Lane/Burn Bridge Road and Church Lane would be categorised at 40MPH! This just shows how reliance on statistics alone can overrule logic sometimes. We restated our worries that with traffic to/from up to 4000 homes on the Western Arc, the situation would only worsen. Jon Hunter stated that monies from developers (S106) should be channelled into suitable road provision and was astonished to be told that virtually nothing had been forthcoming. We know that all too well, as did the local plan inspector, but as NYCC have to commit so much money to the Kex Gill project there seems to be nothing left for suitable provision for roads in our area.

REMINDERS

For anything concerning highways (which includes pavements, potholes, streetlights, cycle routes, hedges, footpaths, overhanging vegetation and so on) it is the responsibility of North Yorkshire County Council, so please report problems to them, preferably using their website. Sometimes, when they don't react, we have to give them a nudge but it's their task to resolve such problems.

Apart from our own Facebook page which is regulated, what you may read on social media is usually a matter of opinion rather than fact. Too often, posts involve conjecture and wish lists but sometimes can be downright false/fake. Such posts often originate from a small but vociferous minority. Information from the Parish Council comes primarily from the

published minutes of our monthly meetings with a summary in this newsletter and occasional up to the minute news via our Facebook statements.

To communicate with the Parish Council, please email parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk. As a local authority we cannot consider viewing posts on social media.

The date shown on locally posted Green Planning Notices is the final date for submission of comments to HBC. Do not wait until that date looms near. Make your comment immediately these Green Notices appear, so that when the Parish Council is consulted by HBC we know of your views. Unless we see your submission on the HBC planning portal at our planning committee meetings on the second Thursday of every month, we cannot take them into consideration. Please note, HBC doesn't always get it right with planning notices, so make sure you comment right away.

Any requests for discussion at our monthly Parish Council meetings must be submitted to the parish clerk well in advance of such meetings. They must be of substance with a specific request to debate a particular issue, otherwise they will not be included on the agenda. Rumour on social media does not constitute a reason for debate. If an item is not on the agenda it cannot be debated. The Parish Council is not, however, obliged to include any or all such requests. The agenda is finalised, usually on the Friday of the week preceding the meeting, so that the requisite 3 clear days public notice is observed.

CHARITY

Our Facebook poll chose Frank's Fund again as the charity for the Parish Council to support this Christmas. We're fundraising for Bone Cancer Research Trust. The "JustGiving" page for donations is:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pannalandburnbridgepc?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=pannalandburnbridgepc&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=d2cf52dfa9434860838ffebe6379bed9

and will be kept open until 31st December. If you've opened this newsletter in your browser, then just copy the reference above onto the bar at the top of your screen to donate. The Parish Council has committed to adding £250 to those donations. Sadly, we don't have the Parish Council-organised Carols on the Green, because of obvious reasons this year, where we normally collect for the charity. However, in addition to the JustGiving site, collection tins are available at the Co-op and Post Office/Crimple Valley Fresh.

TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

The Parish Council supports having our parish included on the list of areas in which planting trees should be encouraged. Mrs Ethne Bartup has offered to approach property owners to ask for their participation in this nationwide scheme.

CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABILITY OF DEVELOPMENT

In conjunction with the other members of the Western Arc Cooperation Group, P&BBPC contributed the "traffic" portion of the campaign that was sent to our MP and the leaders of both County and Borough councils and councillors. We have had supportive comments from

many but as expected, HBC is toeing the line of its Local Plan, despite the lack of controls within it and the total lack of investment in infrastructure to handle the increased traffic. We have had and will continue to have meetings with various persons who have authoritative responsibilities in their respective organisations. We all agreed that electric bus transport would be ideal but NYCC and HBC are exhibiting ostrich-like behaviour if they think this is possible without suitable roads to carry such vehicles. Imagine 2 buses trying to pass each other on Hill Foot/Top Lane!

We had another meeting with Andrew Jones MP where we expressed our frustrations on lack of investment in infrastructure and overprovision of housing. Did you know that the Local Plan calls for 637 houses to be completed per annum across its 20 years? In 2017/18 611 were completed, in 2018/19 it was 682 but in 2019/20 a massive 975. HBC couldn't/wouldn't provide us with those figures and we still don't have a breakdown for our area. It continues to be the "wild west" for developers who want to cram as many houses as possible into greenfield sites. HBC needs to ensure a minimum target is met (13377) but there's nothing to prevent excessive development. This is patently ridiculous and surely must be challenged.

We have a meeting scheduled before Christmas with Cllr Tim Myatt, (who has replaced Cllr Rebecca Burnett as Cabinet Member for Housing) and officers concerned with the Parameters Plan.

SEASONAL GREETING

There is, as you will have read, a mixture of positives and negatives in this month's newsletter. However, I would like to express thanks to fellow councillors and our clerk for their outstanding commitment this year. Thanks also to those parishioners who have agreed to help out with all manner of activities for the good of our community. Despite whatever limitations may be imposed on meeting up over the festive season, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safer, healthy, Happy New Year.

Best wishes

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and Dave Oswin, Deputy Chairman, and Councillors Cathy Burrell, Ian Birchall, Steve Cobb and Ryan Dall

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/>