



October 2024 Newsletter

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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!

Councillors are delighted to confirm the positive result outcome as of 3rd October 2024 and as stated by NYC:

“Now there has been a positive result at referendum, in-line with national guidance, the plan now comes into force as part of the statutory development plan. Planning legislation requires that applications are determined in line with the statutory development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Alongside the neighbourhood plan, the development plan comprises the Harrogate District Local Plan and the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.”

The count result was 23.3% turnout with 445 “yes” votes and 20 “no” votes. A huge thank you to all those who turned out and voted positively from all those who have worked so hard over a number of years to bring this to fruition and with the result achieved. Your Neighbourhood Plan has been assembled by many people in the parish who willingly gave of their time, thought and work through their considerable contributions in the Focus Groups (Environment, Facilities, Housing and Transport) and always with the best interests of the current and future care of our community at heart. Significantly, the Plan will be the present and future cornerstone in providing a framework for any development through its now statutory policies – all of which have been founded on feedback from yourselves through door-drop consultations.

(Following paragraphs written by the clerk) The achievement of a Neighbourhood Plan is a significant feat and it is only right and proper that recognition is given to those who have been heavily involved.

The Parish Council in leading on the Plan since its inception would sincerely like to express their gratitude and appreciation to former councillors Howard West and Dave Oswin and current councillor Cathy Burrell all of whom were a significant force in driving the Plan up until the end of December 2018 when it had to be postponed due to the then Harrogate Borough Council’s development of their Local Plan. It was re-activated (post-Covid) in February 2021 with a determined push – again by Howard, Dave and Cathy - to achieve an end result. Without Cathy’s excellent chairmanship of the Plan Steering Group and softly steel-like determination to drive the work productively forward then its achievement would have been doubtful.

Councillors would like to express their thanks for valuable contributions, commitment and parish-care to (in no order and please forgive me for any omission through ignorance) Mike Bramley, Jane Chung, Neil Permain, Philip Thompson, Ethne Bartup, Geoff Catley, Anita Hawker, Tony Hodgson, Mick Metson, Sally Roberts, John Nicholson and David Evans.

Last, but by no means least, Steering Group members were ever impressed and truly appreciative of the Plan’s consultant, Mike Dando. Without his professionalism, guidance and wisdom the intricacies of Plan assembly – and success – could not have been achieved. Thank you, Mike.

Crimple Meadows

Since the unfortunate – and hopefully not to be repeated – vandalism of the adult gym equipment Safety Notice a new sign has been obtained and will shortly be re-instated. We are appreciative of NYC’s agreement and offer in their using a budget residue to make good the path entrance from the road in tidying

up a re-wilding area and which may be re-established amongst the trees to both sides of the path. Additionally, NYC funds will be used working in conjunction with the path contractor who will soon commence further drainage in the vicinity of Allen Wood which will exert a positive impact in reducing the wet which tracks down to the road area.

It is hoped that a councillor meeting with the NYC Tree and Woodlands Manager will soon be arranged when consideration will be given to potential placement of some additional trees and which will take account of parishioner feedback. At that time, query will be made regarding their management of a boundary tree.

Autumn Litter Pick

Our appreciation and grateful thanks to Mrs Liz Brown and her thirteen volunteers who had such a (sadly) productive litter collect on 28th September when 22 bags were collected. Doubtless, without her and her helpers' determination the parish would be in a sorry state. We would like to ask for their feedback on where they might suggest an additional rubbish bin could be placed – bearing in mind that NYC will not place a bin in certain areas and which includes the PROW path between Burn Bridge and Pannal.



Parish planters

Councillors – together with Jane, our clerk – would like to thank Jan Letts, Anne Smith and Mel Raine very much for their kind and accepted offers to take on the care and maintenance of the three planters: the one by the Parish Council / St Robert's noticeboard and the second in front of the Village Hall / and the third at the top of Burn Bridge Road. All planters now have designated carers which is very much appreciated and, doubtless, will mean that they are looked after very much better than the occasional plant-and-water that the clerk was able to provide. We would like to remind you that any expense incurred by way of extra compost or planting will be happily reimbursed on receipt of expenditure.

The “Walk the Bounds” 22nd September update

All councillors were very appreciative of, particularly, Neil Permain's organization of this enjoyed and successful event which, fortunately, took place in fine weather with attendance of some 25 walkers who were offered a complimentary breakfast at the Black Swan to power them on their chosen routes. It is hoped that this might become a regular occurrence and, perhaps, teamed up alongside another parish event.

Some fine photos were taken for the photographic competition with congratulations given to the winners who were:



“The Greatest Landscape View” taken by Ash Muir who won a Wildlife Trust membership



“Favourite footpath” taken by Frances Wilson who won a day out at RHS Harlow Carr



“Most beautiful tree” taken by Tara Hayes Who won a Woodland Trust membership

Installation of new pedestrian crossing – Village Centre / Station Road

As previously communicated, new pedestrian crossings are planned for installation at both ends of the Station Road bridge over the railway in the village. The date for the planned works, and associated road closure is now confirmed as 28th October to 1st November (during school half term).

As a reminder, this improvement to our road and pedestrian infrastructure is funded through a contribution from the developer of the new flats, as a condition of the planning approval from 2022. Necessary safety audits were carried out and approved at the time of the planning condition to ensure the appropriate location was considered.

There will continue to be vehicle traffic lights at either end of the bridge, but now there will also be a pedestrian crossing at both ends, with new tactile dropped crossing and footway improvements and revised road markings. There will now be a ‘pedestrian phase’ added to the signal sequence, which will happen on demand when pedestrians need to cross. The new signals will have a push button demanded pedestrian facility (red man/green man) at both ends at the designated crossing points. A diagram of the layout is available should anyone be interested in the detail – please request this from the Parish Clerk.

Based on feedback from many residents making the school walk journey from the new housing into the village and back, and for the benefit of all residents accessing shops, the railway station, bus services on Leeds Road and to/from our many footpaths around the parish, this will be a welcome addition. The improvements will re-balance priorities in favour of pedestrians a little, against the ever-rising tide of through traffic and is one small step in keeping this a walkable village centre.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7.00pm and preceded as usual by the Planning Committee meeting at 6.30pm.

Best wishes

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

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