



**October 2018 Newsletter Neighbourhood  
Plan edition**

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## **OCTOBER NEWS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE**

As the majority of our readers will be aware, the Parish Council established a Steering Group (SG) tasked with the considerable challenge of developing a 20-year development plan (the Neighbourhood Plan) for the parish. A status report providing the complete background and progress to date is available on the Neighbourhood Plan website [http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood\\_Plan\\_17118.aspx](http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan_17118.aspx). In this newsletter we will limit feedback from the SG to a few pertinent highlights. First, we would like to point out what a Neighbourhood Plan **is not**:

***It is not a tool that can be used to oppose the Local Plan. It sits alongside the Local Plan and must conform to the latest version.***

This may be a message that some will not like to hear but it is the reality. In fact, there is no advantage in producing our Plan in advance of the emerging Local Plan as if we did, it would only have to be modified to conform to the new Local Plan when that is formally adopted. We do need to have our Neighbourhood Plan in place shortly after.

A number of Focus Groups composed of volunteer parishioners have now delivered reports containing suggestions about how they see the community developing over the next 20 years. Obviously these reports are not representative of the parish as a whole, and contain suggestions that may or may not be used in the final version of the Plan. One example of the latter is suggestions that would not pass the required examination. The SG is taking advice in this regard from a qualified experienced planning consultant.

The SG recognises that the views and input of as many parish residents as possible is of crucial importance, and so the next major activity will be a survey incorporating the Focus Group work that will go out to the entire community. Once we have the results of this survey, then public meetings will be used to exchange views and determine exactly what goes into the final plan. We will again seek assistance from a consultant to ensure that the contents will pass muster both with Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) and the examiner, as well as receive a resounding 'Yes' vote in the community referendum – the last major activity before the Plan is adopted.

As we are sure our readers will appreciate, there is a considerable body of work to undertake and we are always on the lookout for volunteers with survey distribution, project management, planning, public relations, website development, questionnaire development, data entry, statistical analysis, photography, and report layout and design skills. If you are willing to devote some of your time to help, the Steering Group would be delighted to hear from you.

### **LOCAL PLAN**

The Reporting Officer at HBC has been announced as Liz Sheard. She is the ONLY link to the government examiner Mr Schofield. Since her appointment some time ago, she has been in contact with the examiner. It is his decision as to when and how the inquiry with some consultees will proceed. What we do know is that such meetings will not take place until January 2019 at the earliest. Those consultees who expressed a wish to appear at meetings MAY be allowed to do so but not everyone will be included.

## **DOG EXCREMENT**

Extra measures will be taken to help in the fight against the minority of dog owners/handlers who fail to clean up after their dogs. Complaints have been received from Pannal Sports Junior Football Club that the pitch on Crimple Meadows Recreation Ground is unfit for play because of the amount of dog mess that isn't cleared up. A bin for poo bags will be installed in the field behind St Robert's Church - another blackspot for uncaring dog handlers.

## **CRIMPLE MEADOWS PARKING**

Shortly, a leaflet will be delivered to all houses on the street requesting them to suggest solutions to the worsening problem with indiscriminate parking. North Yorkshire County Council Highways have refused to implement any restrictions on the road stating residents would object to yellow lines. We have had representations from residents indicating the dangers of the current situation with emergency services vehicles having been blocked and car drivers being forced to reverse out onto Main Street. We'll see what the results of the leaflet drop show and then report back to NYCC accordingly.

## **STOP PRESS**

On Wednesday evening 24<sup>th</sup> October there was a well-attended meeting at the village hall which involved those opposed to the proposed development of 65 houses at the bottom of Almsford Bank - reference 18/00912. Arrowsmith Associates, represented by Richard Clark, gave a résumé of the latest application and advised complainants to resubmit their original concerns or comment again citing the demonstrable harm that would be done to the SLA of the Crimple Valley as a critical factor. The cumulative effects of additional traffic was highlighted by Rene Dziabas from HAPARA. Although each planning application is treated as a stand-alone subject, where the effect on traffic might not be too worrying, it is important that the overall effect of all applications and future plans must also be emphasised. Parish and Pannal Ward residents - please help the cause by opposing this application. If this one were passed, it might well set a precedent for PN17, PN18 and PN19.

As complementary evidence, our local MP has written to us (in response to our letter to him, the planning inspectorate, HBC and NYCC Highways) stating that "the Planning Inspectorate got this wrong" in its decision to allow the Rossett Green Lane development (on the SLA) to go ahead. Much of the blame for that decision must be down, we feel, to HBC's insufficiently robust defence (the polite wording) of its original opposition. Unfortunately, the only way to get the decision overturned is through the courts.

## **And the usual reminders...**

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Best wishes,

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