



January 2024 Newsletter

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We send you all best wishes for 2024.

Given that the offices of North Yorkshire Council have largely been closed for business over the Christmas holiday, with a period of relative quiet also being apparent within the parish, this newsletter will be somewhat briefer than is usual. As the new year begins, we would welcome feedback from everyone across the parish on Newsletter content - for example what you value hearing about, what you think is missing and any improvements you wish to see in the Council's communications. Please note, however, and as mentioned previously, that this newsletter is an information document for parishioners about Parish Council business and any inclusions require that there is some involvement with the Parish Council.

New councillor co-option

As you may be aware from an advertised notice on the Village Hall board in addition to it being posted on the council website and within the last newsletter, we have been looking to recruit a new councillor and have been appreciative of the interest shown. As with such a vacancy it is necessary that it comes under the management of NYC in that within a required timescale if TEN or more electors express an interest then an election must be held otherwise the post may be filled by co-option. As NYC have determined that the costs of any election must shortly fall on a parish council – and which may be fairly considerable – we appreciate that under ten expressions were made!

Councillors are delighted that Mrs Helen Hayes, who lives in Burn Bridge and attended the meeting as an interested candidate, was unanimously asked to become councillor and accepted. We extend a warm welcome to her.

Parish Council – new Chairman

Councillors very much appreciate Cathy Burrell's acceptance of the Chairman role with Neil Permain as Vice Chairman. He will also take on responsibility of chairing the Planning Committee.

Pannal Green

Concern is maintained about some aspects of Pannal Green's condition of which one feature is considered to carry health and safety elements. There is strong motivation to seek NYC approval for removal of the ugly saplings which continue to grow with some vigour underneath the roadside tree and which, in fact, proved quite difficult to work around during the Carols on the Green event. For some extraordinary reason, NYC seem set on maintaining what they term as this re-wilding element. In addition, a tree – bordering the church car park area – has a large bough which now grows onto the green and which could either be damaged by sustaining some vandalism or cause an accident in a well-trafficked area. As a result, the council decided to seek an independent arborist's opinion.

Christmas Tree lighting provision

Once again – and for the seventh Christmas since the Parish Council's inception – Pannal Green was lit up over the festive period with the lights on the trees. When they worked, they looked fantastic. The 'branch wrapping', recently fitted, is supposed to protect the lights from damage caused by the wind. Unfortunately, the lights failed for quite a number of days. This failure wasn't entirely due to the storms that we had in December and, as a result, we are looking at a different provider for this year, given that a considerable amount of money was expended for what turned out to be a below par lighting display.

Parish Council's / St Robert's Church new noticeboard

We are pleased to confirm that the new board is now in situ and which will be shared between the two bodies. Our thanks to Cllr Cathy Burrell for arranging its installation – its robustness will hopefully stand us in good stead for a number of years with its “newness” enabling easy reading of notices displayed.

Crimple Meadows path and entrance drainage

As was updated via our Facebook page before Christmas, the completion of the path across Crimple Meadows was delayed due to the incredibly wet weather. However, as many of you will have seen, the work started again after New Year and the full length of the path is now completely built. Drainage is also fully installed as planned and across the vehicle entrance and surrounding areas at the Crimple Meadows boundary to the park. Final topping of the surface has taken place after allowing some settling of the gravel.

The path does now give a mud-free route along the public right of way, linking Crimple Meadows to the path beside Allen Woods and through to Spring Lane, and we see many people (and dogs!) making the dry journey. This also gives year-round access to Crimple Meadows play and gym facilities.

Given the very wet conditions throughout the work it's amazing that there was relatively little damage to the park from construction. The area over drainage works and near the vehicle entrance have been restored and seeded – so please respect the cordoned off areas and path edges to allow for the ground and grass to recover.



D-Day Celebrations: Thursday 6th June 2024

It is the Parish Council's intention to mark this prestigious occasion, in paying “tribute” to the many thousands who sacrificed so much in helping to secure the freedom we all enjoy today, by joining the national beacon-lighting celebrations in the evening. It is hoped that again it will take place in St Robert's church car park and very much along the lines of the celebration beacon lighting for the late Queen's Jubilee. Please put the date in your diary. More details to follow in due course.

Weekend D-Day Family fun day: Sunday 9th June 2024

After the success of last year when we celebrated the King's coronation, we anticipate holding another “Family Fun Day” on the 9th June. Please put the date in your diary and we will update with more information next month.

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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