



January 2025 Newsletter

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With best wishes from all your councillors and clerk for a healthy and prosperous 2025.

January of course started off very uncomfortably – beautiful though it was – for us all with some 20cms of snow falling over a weekend and which then determinedly stuck for a good eight days and before our roads and paths became slightly less treacherous. We have grown unused to a winter situation where every footfall was taken with some trepidation, but we hope you all kept safe and unharmed.

In consequence we received a number of calls and emails regarding the difficult road conditions and which highlighted N Y Council's inadequate clearing and gritting provision on all but the main carriageways. We appreciated Cllr John Mann's assistance with making the steeper parish gradients more navigable in his prompt recognition that Walton Park and Spring Lane, particularly, should receive attention.

We will be requesting further placement of grit bins through the parish and would be grateful for your assistance in letting Jane, our clerk, know either if there is one in your location, or where a particular shortfall might exist. Please email her: parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk. Councillors determined that in order to be supportively proactive for when a further snow situation might occur that enquiry would be made regarding the possible sourcing of a local farmer who would be willing to undertake snow clearance and gritting within the parish.

Walton Park

We were sorry to learn that residents in this area have been experiencing an increase in dog fouling – and on the pavements. This is quite unacceptable and must be brought under control: *please will all dog owners ensure they clear up after their pets and that bagged dog dirt is disposed of appropriately.*

Residents may well feel that to encourage this “pick-up” a further bin should be placed in the area. Please note that this would only be a new large black NYC bin. If so, it would be much appreciated if those who live on Walton Park would confirm their preference for placement by emailing Jane (parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk).

Communication with you. . .

Your Parish Council is currently considering how it communicates with parishioners in addition to the usual routes of the Minutes of meetings / FaceBook / monthly Newsletter production. We are aware that even this triple-pronged approach will exclude a number of our residents. We would very much appreciate any items of interest or information which you may like to see included in a flyer and on matters for which your councillors are responsible. Please don't hesitate in letting us know.

Christmas 2024 light provision

We were delighted that the light-wrapped Pannal Green trees and lit Christmas trees proved an unmitigated success with all who commented and the council are currently investigating extending this provision to include the large tree in the overflow car park in addition to two trees on Main Street and adjacent to the church wall and post-box. The winter evenings appeared less dark and interminable for their presence.

Unfortunately, during the bad weather you may have noticed a large bough fall from a tree adjacent to Main Street path and also a collapsing branch onto the overflow car park which has now been cut down. NYC have been asked to remove the fallen wood.

Training

Your councillors received some excellent support and advice from Mike, the Neighbourhood Plan consultant, on the fit of the Plan's policies when responding to parish planning applications. Doubtless this will stand us in very good stead in the future given that the policies carry statutory weight.

Pannal traffic speed

In response to a number of emails expressing concern with the – unfortunately somewhat inevitable – increase in the speed of traffic along Main Street and following its re-surfacing, councillors were keen to access November and December's SID speed data which were shown to have borderline speeds. It was confirmed however that the neighbourhood policing team will attend the parish and with the possibility of a hand-held camera. It was decided to re-deploy the Main Street SID to its alternate location further towards Station Road which would provide a more advantageous location.

ALLOTMENTS

We have received some wholehearted support and enthusiasm from the minimum number of you required to "carry weight" when we make our request to NYC to provide allotments within the parish. Thank you.

It would be good, however, if we could add a few more of you and ask that you please email Jane, the clerk, at parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk in confirmation.

All must be from different households and all must live within the parish so please include your name and address.

We very much hope to hear from you.

Next meeting date will be on Thursday 13th February 2025. Additionally, it was agreed that as the V E Day beacon lighting anniversary at 9.30pm on Thursday 8th May (*please save the date!*) falls on the same evening of the council's meetings which will be held then, that the Annual Parish Meeting will move to the following Thursday, 15th May.

Best wishes

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

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