



Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council
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As you will know, your council has been exceptionally busy preparing a response to Harrogate Borough Council's Local Plan – proposed building on sites PN14 and a gypsy/traveller camp on PN16. A sub-committee has had the responsibility to unearth information, use the responses to the questions posed in the leaflet drop last year, get help from other quarters and formulate our reply on behalf of the parish. We're not content with leaving it there however. We will be seeking further reasons to combat proposals to build in the Significant Landscape Area.

Further information comes to light - sometimes from unexpected quarters. The local spokesman for gypsies has approached us stating that there is no requirement for additional gypsy or traveller sites now or for the foreseeable future. If there were, they could make some land available at the existing locations. They stated that the siting of such a camp at Pannal would be counter-productive. Furthermore, he has informed HBC about there being no immediate or anticipated future need and was surprised when PN16 was put forward by HBC.

The former Dunlopillo site. Bellway, the house-builder showed the parish council planning committee some drawings relating to their proposals for the Dunlopillo site. They will be holding an open meeting on 16th February at the village hall between 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm, so that parishioners will have a chance to see their plans and to air their views prior to the formal submission of their detailed planning application. In addition to 128 housing units, they will extend the spine road with branches off to service the whole development and provide a LEAP, which is a type of play area. The council emphasised that a through road wasn't wanted by the majority of residents but had been imposed by NYCC at the outline planning permission stage because of emergency services access. One would have thought that automatic bollards that could be lowered by fire, police and ambulance would have been an ideal solution. However, we stated that demolition and construction vehicles should only be granted access from the new roundabout. There will be further discussions between HBC, NYCC and the developer on this matter but we have made our standpoint abundantly clear. Forward Investments will deal with the commercial development – mainly parking, office and probably some retail space. The development may be concurrent but it is more likely that houses will be built first.

We're well on the way to applying to HBC to lease land for allotments and park-and-stride for Pannal School but there are a lot of steps to be taken before any progress can be announced.

The Annual Parish budget. Our total budget figure and precept for 2017/8 will remain the same as the current year. Some detail within will change but we have to build some reserves in anticipation of future needs.

With this in mind, we will be embarking on our own Neighbourhood Plan. This will take around 2 years and we will have to pay external consultants for parts of the process. However, it will make financial sense in that the share of any monies for the parish council due from future developments (CIL) would increase from 15 to 25%. To some extent we can safeguard our amenities and protect against unreasonable development but the whole scheme will have to be approved by HBC, so it cannot be used as a total block against indiscriminate house-building in inappropriate areas.

Community Speed Watch. This scheme, under the auspices of the parish council but managed by local resident Mark Siddall, has been a real success. North Yorkshire Police have been delighted with the first results and the manner in which we have conducted the deployments. So much so that after sustained pressure from councillors at the official launch, NYP have agreed to the pilot scheme in the 20 MPH zone. There have been a few sessions at the end of last year but we're now ready to kick off again in 2017. If you couldn't help the team in 2016, maybe you can this year as we'll be deploying at weekends as well as weekdays and at different times of the day. Please let me know if you're prepared to volunteer to help make our village a safer place. Sessions are only an hour long so it won't cost much of your time. Just drop the parish clerk or me an email with your telephone number and we'll get you trained.

We have been having a long discussion with NYCC Highways over the siting of flashing speed signs. Their stance has been such that as there have been no injuries, there is no need for signs. That there hasn't been serious injury is more by good fortune than anything else. We're still plugging away at this lack of pro-activity.

There are many other things going on behind the scenes but nothing where we can give any concrete information at this stage. Once we are in a position to advise parishioners, the website, Facebook and this electronic newsletter will be the first avenues to publish details.

Please remember, do not hesitate to contact us via the parish clerk Andrew Macdonald (parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk or 07802 460789) if you have comments or suggestions on how to improve our parish.

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