



**Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council  
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No doubt you will have heard all sorts of news relating to future development in our parish. Unfortunately, rumours abound so we thought some clarification might be in order.

For Pannal Business Park or as we all know it, the former Dunlopillo site, reserved matters planning permission was granted by Harrogate Borough Council earlier this month. There were two applications; one for the housing and the roadway and the other for office/retail buildings. Despite various protests, the old office block will not be demolished (as was promised by the developers prior to outline permission) but will be refurbished and re-clad. The old art deco building will be demolished as it doesn't fit within their design parameters for the new constructions. One of the office blocks (with parking spaces) won't now be built because the arborist from HBC wanted to save a dying oak tree. At the pre-hearing inspection on the morning of the planning meeting there were dead branches on the ground under the tree. Before they get around to starting, there will probably be someone asking for it to be taken down for safety reasons.

The good news, as has been known for some time now, is that the owners have agreed that the post office may continue its business, if not in its present venue, then probably in the old office block. The house building details were only modified slightly with minor technicalities. Entrance to the site must be via the roundabout on the A61 but HBC permitted a variation on the ban if requests were made in writing. Contractors are already parking in the village and walking through the pedestrian part of the main gate which is akin to contravention of the ban. A request has been made to stop this sort of activity.

There will be a planning application hearing on November 28 regarding the police training college site off Yew Tree Lane. Although not on our patch, the amount of traffic generated will have a significant impact on travel to the Leeds Road via Burn Bridge. The parish council will object on these grounds. There has however been a request to generate money from a section 106 agreement there for the football pitches at Pannal Junior Sports Football Club by the side of the Leeds Road in Pannal.

A planning application is expected shortly for 52 houses to be built on what HBC has defined PN17 in their Local Plan proposals. This is an attempt to get permission through before the Local Plan is adopted, which is a fairly common occurrence. However, our friends in the Spring Lane SLA Defence Group have been proactive and organised a public meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Pannal Village Hall. You'll be able to find out more about this imminent threat to Spring Lane Farm and our Special Landscape Area.

The Local Plan was discussed at a meeting on Wednesday last week by the District Development Committee. It was primarily for technical matters with no real opportunity to make challenges by either Borough or County councillors. Our vice-

chairman, Dave Oswin, spoke at the meeting, as did HAPARA. It would appear that HBC are hell-bent on railroading development through for Pannal, irrespective of the results of the public consultation. For more information, please consult our web page devoted to Planning and the Local Plan. Andrew has clarified everything you would want to know on the subject.

Talking about Plans, we're ready to start with our own Neighbourhood Plan. The official kick-off meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Village Hall will agree the terms of reference and the programme and once that is in place, more informal meetings will take place with those who have volunteered for the various tasks. If you haven't put your name forward yet, it's not too late. Please advise Jackie Wootton, vice-chair of the NPSG by email - [jackie@amfoundation.org](mailto:jackie@amfoundation.org) on how you could help.

Finally, the best news in time for Christmas: with a significant sum negotiated from NYCC and a contribution from the parish council, we have a Christmas light display to be proud of on Pannal Green. The switch-on was on Friday evening and to date we have received nothing but very positive comments. Please note that the Carols on the Green will be on Monday, December 18 at 6.30 pm. Come along and join us to have a mince pie and some mulled wine in Pannal School afterwards. Soft drinks and biscuits will also be available.

Please also look at some of the updates we've put on the website. Of interest may be:

- The "Planning" section where you can find an explanation of the planning process which we have to abide by.
- "The Neighbourhood Plan" page where there is background information on the plan as well as the agenda and meeting minutes.
- The "A-Z of Services". There is a link to the Harrogate Borough Council website on the "Your Council" page which aims to provide helpful quick access to local services.

So you'll see that there has been no let-up in the workload and there's more in the pipeline. We welcome feedback for our newsletter so please feel free to comment and make suggestions for improvement. If you know of anyone who is not receiving this newsletter but wishes to, please ask them to contact the parish clerk.

Contact us via the parish clerk Andrew Macdonald ([parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk) or 07802 460789) if you have comments or suggestions on how to improve our parish. Also, don't forget that you can join our Facebook group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through the periodic newsletters:

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Best wishes,

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and Dave Oswin, Deputy Chairman and Councillors Cathy Burrell, Ian Birchall, John Mann and Steve Cobb.