



Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council Newsletter No 5 – June 2017

It has been an exceptionally busy time of late for members of your parish council. There was a raft of items where our involvement has been essential. We extend a big thank you to those who gave up their time on probably the best day (weather-wise) of the year to keep abreast of affairs at the annual Parish Meeting last week.

Copies of the presentation given are on our website (though you can look at the presentation using this link:

<http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Parish%20Meeting%20Presentation%2025%20May%202017.pdf>)

but of course non-attendees will have missed all the questions and discussion relating to it. We thank Will Naylor for his address and for deputising for Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan at our meeting. Here again, some interesting points were raised and follow-up actions agreed. We'll keep you posted.

Turning to the development of the former Dunlopillo site, in a meeting with County, Borough and Parish Councillor John Mann, Jay Everett from Addison Planning and me, Daniel Ward from Forward Investments agreed to the creation of a ramp to link the demolition site on Pannal Business Park (aka Dunlopillo) with the A61 so that construction traffic would not need to use the Station Road access. This was promised some time ago by the developers (Bellway) but never materialised. Thanks to parish council intervention, we are delighted to advise that Daniel authorised immediate work and residents have expressed their gratitude especially for the speed in which the ramp was built.

Mentioned in the Parish Meeting presentation, one of the most interesting proposals was that advised by Forward Investments. Their idea is to purchase the land designated for building (PN14 and PN16) at market value from Harrogate Borough Council and dedicate it to the parish as a sort of green belt/conservation area. In exchange, the land between the railway line and the A61 from the current Dunlopillo site, could be developed for housing. The stumbling block is that the land in question was designated as green belt many years ago. It was, although somewhat clouded in history, in most people's opinion, arbitrarily designated as such in a deal to separate Harrogate from West Yorkshire. The general consensus at the meeting and in subsequent consultations is that the land between Pannal and Almsford Bank is eminently more suitable as green belt than the area in question. There are maps illustrating the outline of the idea in our annual Parish Meeting presentation - please let us know your views by email.

The HBC Local Plan consultation will commence on 14th July we understand. To prepare for this, there will be a South and West of Harrogate Joint Forum at Ashville

College Auditorium on Tuesday, 20th June at 7pm. We (P&BBPC) will join with North Rigton and Beckwithshaw Parish Councils, Duchy Residents Association, Pinewoods Conservation Group, Cardale Business Group and HAPARA (Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association) in this public meeting. The joint forum will discuss how we deal collectively with any proposals to swamp the area with housing to meet imposed targets without any thought for the havoc it would create for existing residents. Please come along to this meeting, which will be attended by Cllr Rebecca Burnett from HBC.

At our rescheduled parish council meeting on 30th May, Jane Gaskell, Dave Oswin and yours truly were duly re-elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Planning Committee and Chairman of the Parish Council respectively.

Our next parish council meeting will be on 29th June and we're due to have our local police constable, Graham Frostick, present at that one. The new list of meeting dates for the rest of 2017 will be on our noticeboard shortly.

If you're wondering what's happening regarding the proposed PN16 site for gypsies and travellers, we have no further news other than we're waiting for a report from Harrogate Borough Council. This was following a meeting we had with the President of the National Gypsy Council at one of the local gypsy sites along with HBC officers. As soon as we know more, we'll inform you.

We've made a start with our Neighbourhood Plan and thank all those parishioners who have volunteered to lend their skills in putting it together. Our Vice Chair, Jane is leading on this exercise so you'll probably hear more from her as the Plan progresses.

There are many other things going on behind the scenes and the website, our Facebook page and this electronic newsletter will continue to be the first avenues to publish details.

For those of you going on summer breaks, rest assured that we'll be working on your behalf as normal, even if even we do take a few days off now and then.

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. Also, don't forget that you can join our Facebook group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through the monthly newsletters:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pannal-and-Burn-Bridge-Parish-Council-1655335551445518/>

Best wishes,

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