



Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council Newsletter No 9 - October 2017

The Local Plan. Now that the frantic efforts in getting responses to Harrogate Borough Council's Local Plan have been completed, you may think things have been somewhat easier of late – that however is simply not the case! HBC officers are still ploughing through the portal, post and email responses and our spy in the camp informs us that the objections to PN17, 18, 19 and 20 are by far the greatest of any within the whole area. Thank you all for your efforts. Let's hope that HBC and also very importantly, the government inspector will see sense and abandon those heinous plans for our parish. We're not going to let up of course; we will send timely reminders about the folly of the proposals to all borough councillors before the issue comes up for debate.

The Neighbourhood Plan. Because of the degree of activity around the Local Plan, we had to scale down our efforts around our own Neighbourhood Plan. However, that is now back on track after the parish council meeting on October 12. The plan will be led by the Steering Group Chaired by Councillor Cathy Burrell, with Deputy Chair Jackie Wootton, with Peter Stretton and Howard West. There will then be Focus Groups working concurrently on different aspects of the plan and reporting to the Steering Group and thence to the Parish Council. Our aim is to build upon the Community-led Plan in a manner acceptable to HBC (our arbiters for the Neighbourhood Plan). There was a meeting last week with HBC where they agreed to the basics of that concept. We want to achieve the Plan in as short a time as possible so that it becomes effective for the benefit of Pannal and Burn Bridge residents. However, we must not attempt to cut corners either. We noted from the Local Plan responses that there is a wealth of dedicated and capable people in our parish who care about our community. Some have volunteered already to operate in the Focus Groups but Cathy will be asking others for help. If you have a particular skill with respect to infrastructure, leisure activities, housing, environment et al, please let her know. I won't steal her thunder on this; it's just to make you aware of what's needed (you can contact Cathy by email on cathyburrell@btinternet.com or 07912448732 if you think you could contribute or you'd like to get involved). We have set up a webpage on which will include the latest news -

http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/The_Neighbourhood_Plan_17118.aspx

Community Speed Watch and speeding signs for the village. Our battles with speeding continue on several fronts. Community Speedwatch, managed by local resident Mark Siddall under the auspices of the parish council has proven to be successful in its first full year of operation. The parish council authorised the purchase of two battery-operated signs that can display speed, happy/sad faces, "slow down", etc, etc but NYCC Highways replied that we couldn't mount them on street furniture (mainly lamp posts and bus stop signs to you and me) unless they were the type approved by them at some prohibitive cost. A comparison of the two types is on the news section (Community Speedwatch) section of our website <https://v6admin.visionict.com/Sites/231/UserFiles/Files/Speed%20sign%20attachment%20for%20Newsletter%20October%202017%20-%20website.pdf>.

It makes interesting reading!

Your chairman and parish clerk presented these findings to a representative of Area 6 Highways at a meeting with fellow councillors from the Harrogate region at Boroughbridge at the beginning of the month. Subsequently, County Councillors Cliff Trotter and John Mann pushed the same concerns at county level. From our concerted efforts, Highways have agreed to venture to Pannal to see for themselves! They'll also see what can be done to improve the junction of Spring Lane with Westminster Drive as they say they won't condone replacement of the mirror there. And finally, they'll look at the nightmare of parking on Crimple Meadows. We have requested they come to that road between 1430 until 1530 on school days or on Sunday mornings when church and football coincide. We will try to provide video evidence as well.

Pannal Sports Junior Football Club. We had an update from Mark Taylor, the vice-chairman about their plans for the land opposite the Mercedes garage following their successful planning application. This will be more of a community facility than just a football club for youngsters. More information will follow on this on their website - <http://www.pannalsportsjfc.co.uk/index.php>

The former Dunlopillo site. The reserved matters for the "Dunlopillo" site will be dealt with at HBC in the very near future and if all goes according to plan, it won't be long before some real progress is made on the construction, once a lot of earth movement has taken place.

Stop press:

We've heard that the government inspector has ruled the appeal against HBC's decision to deny planning permission for 14 houses off Rossett Green Lane invalid. We understand that the appeal was ruled invalid as it was submitted out of time that is outside the period permitted to lodge an appeal. If we hear more we will advise further in our next newsletter and post any news we have on our Facebook site.

Carols on the Green. We know it's still October but the parish council sponsored "Carols on the Green" will take place on Monday evening, 18th December. With NYCC grant acceptance permitting, we hope to sing with the background of a new improved set of Christmas lights. There will be mulled wine and soft drinks served from Pannal School along with mince pies kindly supplied by Ash, the former manager of the Co-op. So please note the date in your diaries.

Hence, 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.

Don't 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 periodic newsletters:

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

Best wishes,

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