



Summer Newsletter and GDPR reminder - August 2018

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Many of you may be on holiday but your parish council continues to fight its corner for its residents. To keep you updated, we can advise:

On the Local Plan. We're still co-operating with nearby parish councils and HAPARA in trying to combat the potentially catastrophic effect on traffic if Harrogate Borough Council's Local Plan for housing for the west of Harrogate and indeed our parish, goes unchallenged. At our last parish council meeting, several questions were asked of our local borough councillor, John Mann, about the next steps in the local plan. He indicated that HBC's version of the plan will be sent to the Secretary of State's inspectorate, probably at the end of this month. Then the inspector will deliberate and may suggest modifications, There will be an enquiry with possible adoption of the plan sometime next year. We've asked Cllr Mann for clarification on some of the answers provided from HBC officers to our questions as they were not to our satisfaction. Once we receive these, we'll disseminate the responses to you.

Spring Lane Farm. We're monitoring the situation after the withdrawal of the planning application for Spring Lane Farm and the ridiculous one-way traffic proposal around the scout hut road and the equally nonsensical alterations to the Westminster Drive junction. That is however, probably just a temporary break; we fully expect a new application to be made and we'll keep everyone informed.

Dog excrement. Some irresponsible dog-owners/walkers are still not picking up faecal deposits after their animals. The area behind St Robert's church is a disgrace. There will be another clean-up day after the school holidays. We need your support and practical help on 22nd September. There will be more news on that next month.

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in the village. The clerk and chairman attended a meeting of a scrutiny committee of North Yorkshire County Council a couple of weeks ago and pushed for a change in their policy to allow parish councils to purchase our own flashing VAS rather than lease very expensive ones from NYCC on a temporary basis. The vote was in favour of change, but it will be up to the executive to decide. NYCC want to impose conditions but all parishes want are signs to reduce speed and save lives. We're still on the case.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Our campaign to lobby government for mandatory CIL to be adopted by borough councils through the Sustainable Communities Act, progresses. We have had over 90% support for our proposal from those parish councils who responded in a national survey. HBC have yet to

implement CIL; they have just finished one of their "consultations" and haven't yet decided (Leeds agreed theirs in 2014). If CIL were implemented, it would mean that your parish council, once it has its neighbourhood plan in place, could claim 25% of funds from developers who would build in the parish for infrastructure. Now, 15% of developers' contributions go to HBC to distribute as they see fit through the Section 108 system. You can see therefore, the importance of having a neighbourhood plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan – an update and some help needed. Members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan group will be at Pannal Gala on August Bank Holiday Monday to show where we are with progress on the project. Do come along and see how far we've got after the housing needs and business surveys and how you can participate.

On that note, we have a vacancy on the steering group for the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. This important initiative will prescribe the vision and objectives to protect and enhance our parish over the next 20 years, for the enjoyment of future generations. If you could spend some of your time in helping to direct the work needed to make a success of this important initiative and to ensure it reflects the wishes of the populace, that would be much appreciated. No specialist knowledge is required but having a common-sense approach to wanting the best for our twin villages and the greater parish is a must. We're striving to collect information via our focus groups and via consultations with parishioners, be they young or old or in between. Then we'll need to pull this together in the form of a plan. We will have the help of a consultant as we go along but need people with vision for the future for our next generations to assist us now. If you feel you can fit the bill, please call Cathy Burrell, the chair of the group for a preliminary chat on 07912 448732 or if you prefer, email her on cathyburrell@btinternet.com

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Best wishes,
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Steve Cobb, Harvey Alexander and Ryan Dall.