

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PUBLIC MEETING
7.00pm Tuesday 21 April 2009
Village Institute,
High Street, Crigglestone

The Council has agreed to invite five representatives of local churches, schools, sports clubs, scouts/guides and other community groups to join two Parish Councillors on the committee. If you would like to put your name forward to join the committee please come to the public meeting or contact the Clerk on 01924 373487 or email clerk@crigglestonepc.org.

HELLO AND GOODBYE Responsible Financial Officer

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Julia Ford as the new Responsible Financial Officer. Julia has a wealth of experience in accountancy work and a variety of voluntary activities.

Members said farewell to Maureen Cummings who was appointed as Clerk and RFO eight years ago and has been RFO for the past four years. Members thanked her for all her hard work over this period.



VILLAGE INSTITUTE IMPROVEMENTS



The Village Institute has recently seen improvements including external repairs, redecoration of the hall, new chairs and a face lift for the kitchen.

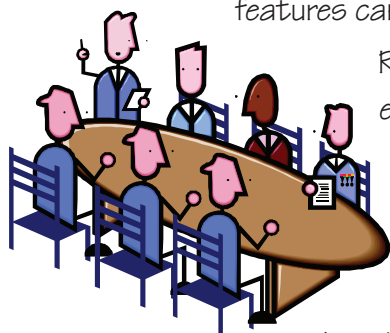
The Institute is used for regular classes such as yoga, karate, keep fit and painting. It can also be booked for meetings, children's parties and other events although there is no entertainment licence. To enquire about hiring the hall please contact Julia on 01924 893942.

In 2004 the Parish Council published the first Parish Plan which had been produced by the Parish Plan Steering Committee. Since then two review documents have been issued updating the information in the original plan.

The Parish Council has agreed it is now time to prepare a new **Parish Plan**. It is hoped that this can again be carried out by a Steering Committee drawn from the local community and, with this in mind, the Council has arranged a public meeting. To quote the White Paper *Our Countryside - The Future*, the plan will try to 'identify the key facilities and services in the area, set out problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved'.

Residents are therefore encouraged to attend this meeting to get involved in a plan which can make an impact on the future of the area.

At the same meeting it is hoped to appoint a committee to consider nominations for a **Community Hero Award**. This will be an annual award for a resident who has done outstanding voluntary work in the community for the residents of the Parish. Each year nominations will be invited and considered by an Award Committee.



CHEVET DISTRICT GUIDES - Volunteers Needed

Female volunteers aged between 18 and 65 years are needed to train as Rainbow or Brownie leaders. No experience is required, just enthusiasm and a willingness to give it a go. You will be helping girls aged 5 — 7 (Rainbows) and 7 — 10 (Brownies) to try new activities and have fun. At the same time you'll develop skills of your own that you can use at home or work, such as communication, teamwork and leadership. For more information contact Lynne Gascoigne on 01924 251324 or Jackie Craven on 01924 252917.

WAKEFIELD MDC Local Development Framework



The Parish Council has responded to the consultation process on the Local Development Framework by submitting comments and attending hearings for the Core Strategy and Development Policies. The Inspector's report is expected soon. The Site Specific proposals, which include proposals for the site off St James' Way, will be the subject of further consultations with hearings likely to be held early next year. The Parish Council is now considering the appointment of a planning consultant to give professional advice particularly at the next round of hearings.

WALKING IN WEST YORKSHIRE



John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for — he had better create it!

So www.walkinginyorkshire.co.uk came into being. This web site gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County.

Details of more than 350 walks to download and print free, details of walking groups, maps and walk books — plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!

BETTY EASTWOOD PARK WOODLAND CARE DAYS

Three Woodland Care Days have now been held in the Park. Local residents have worked with a forester, Tom Handley, to manage and thin woodland trees and create new wildlife habitats. Volunteers have also been supported by members of the Wakefield District Tree Warden Network.



HANGING BASKETS

Following last year's successful hanging basket scheme, residents are again asked to participate by sponsoring a basket to be displayed in the summer months. Sponsorship forms are now available from the Parish Clerk on 01924 373487.



PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2009/10

The Parish Council's main source of income is the precept, which is a charge on each household in the parish, collected as part of the Council Tax. The precept for 2008/09 is £38,500 which equates to 24p per week for an average dwelling and it has been agreed to maintain this level of precept for 2009/10.

How to contact us

If you need to contact the Parish Council you can do so in a number of ways:

1. By phone - Parish Clerk 01924 373487.
2. By email - clerk@crigglestonepc.org
3. Via your local member. List is given at www.crigglestonepc.org
4. By post via The Village Institute, High Street, Crigglestone WF4 3EB.
5. Come along to the Parish Council meeting first Tuesday each month in the Village Institute from 7pm.