



CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011/12

Councillor John Peebles started by talking about the changes over the forty years he had served as a Councillor. He thanked the Clerk, Janet and the Responsible Financial Officer, Julia, for keeping members on the right track and their efficiency.

He explained that the old Parish Plan had been replaced by a Community Plan which was launched at a well-attended event in October 2011. Members were now working to achieve the targets set out in the Plan and to address issues raised with a range of service providers.

He spoke of the input from Sgt. Day of the West Yorkshire Police who now manages the Safe Scheme and delivers monthly reports to the Parish Council.

He reported that grants had been given to various organisations including Newmillerdam Methodist Church, Friends of BEP, Crigglestone Community Plan Steering Group and St James School wildlife area.

In reporting on the appearance of the Parish, he praised the Friends of Betty Eastwood Park for their work and commented on the success of the Newmillerdam Community & Conservation Association in the 2011 Village in Bloom Competition. He also thanked all hanging basket sponsors for the commitment that they had made over many years.

He reported that along with the Governors of St James School and the Crigglestone & Durkar Residents Association, the Parish Council was still opposing the proposed housing development adjacent to the school.

He was pleased to note the Council was keeping the precept at the same level yet still providing a similar service for residents.

He said the activities of the Parish Council were promoted in the Newsletter and he reminded residents that information is also available on the Parish Website, the Wakefield Express and the Parish Link from St. James Church.

Finally, he thanked all of the Parish Councillors for their support and hard work; and Cllr. Daniels, the Vice Chair for his help over the year.

The full report can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

2012 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR



At the Annual Parish Council meeting in May, the Parish Council elected Councillor John Peebles to serve as Chair for the coming year and to support him Councillor Peter Daniels was elected as Vice Chair.

Left to Right: Cllr John Peebles
and Cllr Peter Daniels

CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2011/12

INCOME

Precept	49,000.00
Hanging Basket Sponsorship	2,188.00
Other Income	2,252.17
TOTAL INCOME	£ 53,440.17

EXPENDITURE

Staff Costs	6,316.86
Office Administration	2,973.60
Courses/Conferences/Training	1,325.52
Insurances	2,575.94
Audit Fee	460.00
Subscriptions	1,927.50
Parish Elections	320.00
Parish Communications	2,015.75
Parks & Open Spaces	9,373.74
Community Buildings	2,243.89
Additional Policing (S31)	8,000.00
Grants & Donations	1,677.75
Other Expenditure	2,339.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 41,549.98

SURPLUS

£ 11,890.19

For more information or to view the full accounts please contact Julia Ford, the Responsible Financial Officer on 01924 893942 or by email at rfo@crigglestonepc.org to make an appointment.

CRIGGLESTONE COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

The Community Plan, launched last autumn, is now being used as a blueprint for the future of the parish area. Your issues and ideas are being taken forward with service providers.

Actions taken to date

- More police information on the Parish Council website.
- Local business directory developed— contact cprigg@talktalk.net to add your business.
- Concerns conveyed to the Highways Agency about noise from the M1.
- Links to local sports groups on website – contact info@crigplan.org to add your club.
- Craft Summer School to be held at Pennine Community 6 – 10 August. Call 01924 255281 for details.
- New appointment system at Chapelthorpe Medical Centre and Ring-&-Ride service announced.
- Hall Green Youth Project—Junior and senior groups established. Call Cynthia on 01924 251544 for details.
- Highway repair schedule on website.

Other matters on-going:

- Traffic danger spots, including near schools, discussed with Wakefield Council.
- Bus services to be discussed with provider companies.
- More public seating.



You can help yourselves too:

- Join a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Contact the police - adele.fox@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk for more information.
- Cut back garden plants growing over footways. Overgrowing vegetation can be dangerous if pedestrians have to walk in the road.

Use Wakefield Council 's online 'I want to report it...' or ring 0845 8506506 to:

- Identify dog fouling 'hot spots' and report offences to the dog wardens.
- Report incidences of fly-tipping.
- Report drainage and flooding problems.

COMMUNITY HERO 2012

The next issue of the newsletter will contain a nomination form for the Community Hero of 2012.

Unfortunately there were no nominations for 2011 and as we are now almost half way through the year, residents are asked to start thinking about who could be nominated for 2012 now.

The nominee must be an individual, living in the Parish, who does voluntary work within the community for the benefit of the residents.

CHAPELTHORPE MEDICAL CENTRE



From the 25th June 2012 Chapelthorpe Medical Centre will be introducing a new appointment system called **DOCTOR FIRST**.

For more details please see the Chapelthorpe Medical Centre leaflet delivered with this newsletter or alternatively access the surgery website www.chapelthorpemedicalcentre.co.uk

1941 MINING DISASTER REMEMBERED

Following the recent closure of the Crigglestone Community Centre, the Parish Council agreed to display the disaster memorial painting at Crigglestone Village Institute.

The Council is currently planning to hold a rededication ceremony on 8th September along with a exhibition of photographs depicting life at Crigglestone Colliery. Full details will be announced.

Relatives and friends of those involved are welcome to contact Keith Wainwright on 01924 240776 for further information.

RING & RIDE SERVICE

Responses to the Community Plan suggested that some areas of the Parish are not well served by public bus services. Re-Connect, who operate the WakeyBus Project, are to provide a Ring & Ride service with funding from Metro, starting on 25th June 2012.

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Parish Council meeting on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Institute from 7pm.