



CRIGGLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 4TH APRIL 2017



I would like to say that it has been an honour and pleasure to have served as chairman of the Parish Council for the past 12 months.

On a sad note I would like to mention that 2 of our colleagues passed away last year:- John Newsome who was a District Councillor for our ward for a number

years and Keith Stocks who worked alongside his wife and more recently his daughter as assistant caretaker of the Village Institute building.

This year (2017) we will be saying farewell to our Financial Officer Joanie Massey I would like to thank her for all the hard work she has put in since joining us and wish her well for the future.

In August (2016) we welcomed Kevin Greaves as our new vicar in the parish. We look forward to a good and happy working relationship with him.

An Act of Remembrance was held on the 1st July (2016) at Criggliestone Cenotaph for all those in the parish who gave their lives in the Battle of The Somme 1st July 1916. I would especially like to thank the children

from St James School and members of the parish who attended.

November (2016) Once again Remembrance Day services were held at both Criggliestone and Newmillerdam, both were well attended.

A representative from the Police service attends the Parish Council meeting every month to discuss our priorities. I can assure residents that they do get results. Unfortunately we are still having problems with speeding and parking.

I would like to thank Paul Crompton (vice) Chairman for his support and help over the last year. I would also like to thank all other members of the parish council for all their hard work serving the parish on numerous committees, all who give their time voluntarily

I would like to thank our Parish Clerk Sarah Mozer for carrying out her duties efficiently and appreciate all the hard work she has done over the last year. At this point I would also like to thank the District Councillors who attend our meetings.

I would like to remind the residents of the Parish that the first 15 minutes of every meeting is a public session, so if you have a problem regarding the community do come along and tell us about it. The aim of this Parish Council is to serve the residents to the best of our ability.

Councillor Peter Daniels

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Wakefield District Police are in the process of setting up a Community Speedwatch Scheme. This is a locally driven initiative where active members of the community join together, with the support of the police, to monitor the speed of vehicles using detection devices. Their aim is to enroll a number of Community Volunteers to assist with this initiative.

Criggliestone Parish Council are pleased to advise that 2 of their councillors came forward to undertake training, which took place in May.

The scheme aims to:-

- Make drivers aware of their speeds, the dangers of speeding and encourage them to slow down
- Reduce collisions and the severity of injuries on local roads
- Improve the quality of life for local residents

Working with support and direction from Wakefield Police, fully trained community volunteers will utilise the Speed Indication Device ('Smiley SID') - positioned in identified and risk assessed locations. Speedwatch is not an enforcement tool but aims to reduce speeds and improve road safety.

PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2017/18

The Parish Council reviewed their spending and commitments for the past financial year and the forthcoming year at the Budget and Precept meeting held in January 2017. An increase in the Precept in line with current inflation forecasts of 3%, was approved. This results in a 00.53p annual increase for a Band D property. The budget for the financial year April 2017/18 of expenditure £63,435 and income of £63,184 was received and approved.

APPROVED GRANT AID REQUESTS FOR 2016/17

The Parish Council in the last year, has in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 respectively, have incurred the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them.

Calder Grove Cricket Club £500 refurbishment to facilities to enable continuation of play and training at league level.

Crigglestone Methodist Church £500 contribution toward renewal of heating system

COMMUNITY HERO AWARD 2016



Committee members met at their November 2016 meeting and considered the nominations received. It was agreed that the award should go to Michelle Eardley for her 16 years volunteering work with the Wakefield 45th Beaver group. Cannon Roger Cressey (retired Clergy) received the runner up certificate for his continuing services to the community.

If you know of anyone deserving of the award for 2017 then please see the Crigglestone Parish Council website for further information and a nomination form. Nominations are due to be considered late November early December 2017.

HALL GREEN YOUTH PROJECT

Plans are in hand for the return of the youth project previous held at Hall Green Community Centre. Sadly this provision ceased due to lack of interest on both the children and volunteer side. Whilst the scheme has been inactive the children and community have since realised it's value. The Hall Green youth project approached the Parish Council to ask if funding from the Safe Scheme budget, for an appropriately qualified PCSO with Youth training, for a 6mth trial, beginning from the Easter Holidays 2017 could be considered. This would enable the project to get back up and running and encourage the youth of the area to do something different and positive with their time. It was stressed that whilst the youth project is based in Hall Green, it is open to all the youth within the Parish. The Parish Council approved the request and additionally asked for updates on how the youth project progresses in order for any further funding to be approved.

Next meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 5th July 2017. Contact Cynthia Binns on 01924 251544 or email binnscynthia@yahoo.co.uk



HALL GREEN VILLAGE GALA

Will be held on Saturday 8th July 2017 and opened by Mayor Kevin Barker at 1pm. Anyone wishing to book a stall (£10 fee) please contact Cynthia Binns on 01924 251544 or email binnscynthia@yahoo.co.uk

DOG FOULING – on our pavements, in the park, around children's play areas, on woodland walks just about anywhere you choose to go for a walk to there is evidence of inconsiderate dog owners. Dog fouling continues to be a nuisance and an unacceptable health hazard. Wakefield District Council is looking to effectively penalise offenders.

Please contact Environmental Health on 0345 850 6506 with any information you may have.

BETTY EASTWOOD PARK AND WILLOW GARTH



The Parish Council have, since 2015 been working with Wharnccliffe Consultancy in bringing together a Management Plan in order to ensure the best way possible is drawn up to maintain these wonderful open spaces in perpetuity but in the meantime for the duration of the plan up until 2036. On the 11th March 2017 an 'open afternoon' was held at the Village Institute for the general public to view the Plan in its entirety. Members of the public that attended were able to ask the Wharnccliffe Consultant on hand, to answer any queries or concerns they had. Overall the general feeling was that the event was beneficial and allowed them to understand that work carried out was being monitored through the Management Plan for Betty Eastwood Park and Willow Garth.

On a more disappointing note, waste dumping in Betty Eastwood Park is being reported. The Parish Council would like to remind residents that Betty Eastwood Park is not a convenient location for residents in the vicinity or those further afield to dump their own individual garden and other waste. This is essentially classed as fly tipping and unlike other areas of the district the removal costs for this are not met by Wakefield District Council, they are paid for out of the Crigglestone Parish Council's funds.

PLEASE DISPOSE OF YOUR OWN GARDEN AND OTHER WASTE RESPONSIBLY.

POLICE & PUBLIC MEETING HELD 28TH APRIL 2017

The Parish Council arranged this meeting for the benefit of the residents of the Parish. All too frequently through social media and at council meetings, reports of continuing anti social behaviour is reported. In attendance were Crigglestone Parish Council members and Clerk, Inspector Helen Brear and PC Jack May, District Councillors Kevin Barker, Ian Sanders and Cynthia Binns and residents of the Parish. The residents that did attend the public meeting were given the opportunity to speak and share their concerns with the Police face to face and receive guidance and support going forward.

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The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except Aug) in the Village Institute at 6pm.

