

Annual Report 2010/11

Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council is made up of 10 Councillors and a part time Clerk.

The 10 serving Councillors are:-

Cllr Don Crawford (Chairman)	Cllr Elizabeth Jefferson
Cllr Elisabeth Alley	Cllr Richard Revell (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Vic Atkins	Cllr Carol Runciman
Cllr Tony Baker	Cllr Audrey Steel
Cllr Norman Davidson	Cllr Andrew Thorpe

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In December Fiona Crawford retired as Clerk to the Parish Council after thirteen years. She was thanked by Members for her dedication and professionalism.

Financial

Our precept for this financial year was £22,000.

The 2009/2010 accounts have been passed by our external auditors. Accounts are available for inspection by prior arrangement with the Clerk for people on our electoral register. During the year a Finance Committee was established to ensure the recommendations of the Auditors are carried out.

Donations

This Council has been able to offer financial support to several groups/organisations this financial year. A total of £7800 has been donated to:

New Earswick Swimming Club	Lifeguard Training	2,000
NECA	Garden Scheme	3,000
NECA	Summer Scheme	1,000
NECA	Notice Board	1,500
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	100
Fantasy Cheer Club	Uniforms	200

Financial Agreement Forms are completed by the organisations, which specify that any unused funds (for the purpose for which they were donated) must be returned to this Council. Also, regular reports can be requested by this Council on progress of the project and that should the group cease to exist any residual monies should be returned.

Community Walkabout

This group consists of members from: New Earswick Parish Council, City of York Council – Street Scene, Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT), New Earswick Residents Forum (NERF) and sometimes the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The group meet monthly and cover a designated area of the Parish each time. Any issues in the area (e.g. garden maintenance, litter, dog-fouling, traffic issues, pot-holes, Rights of Way maintenance, graffiti, bus shelters etc.) are then taken up by the specific organisation responsible and dealt with. Notes of the meetings are kept on file by the Clerk.

Membership

We continue to be members of various local and national groups/societies including:

Campaign to Protect Rural England	(CPRE)
River Foss Society	
Open Spaces Society	
Rural Action Yorkshire	
Society of Local Council Clerks	(SLCC)
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	(YLCA)
Yorkshire Rural Community Council	(YRCC)

These societies can assist us at times with different projects and ever-changing Local Government legislation.

Policing

The Safer Neighbourhood Team is made up of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's). The PCSO's regularly patrol the ward on foot and visit the schools and local groups/organisation to integrate into the local community more. Monthly crime figures are also sent to this Parish Council and shifts permitting, the Police attend our monthly meetings and/or email monthly reported crimes.

Meetings

Please do come along and contribute to our meetings. They are held every third Monday in the month (except December) at our office in the Folk Hall, commencing at 19.00 hours.

