

NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2016/17

Welcome to the New Earswick Parish Council Annual Report.

Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council comprises ten Councillors and a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who works part time.

Your Councillors are:-

Cllr Don Crawford (Chairman)	Cllr Elizabeth Jefferson
Cllr Vic Atkins	Cllr Nik Milner
Cllr Fiona Crawford	Cllr David Moody
Cllr Sue Glenton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Audrey Steel
	Cllr Carol Runciman

Cllr Lorraine Frankland recently resigned from the Council and there is currently one Casual Vacancy.

Finance

The precept for 2016/17 was set at £21,000. This sum was arrived at by looking at the expected expenditure for the forthcoming year and taking into account the reserves of the Council. Each year the accounts are examined at an independent internal audit and then passed to the external auditors. The accounts are available for inspection by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The Finance Committee of the Council meets regularly and ensures any recommendations made by the auditors are carried out.

Grants

During each financial year, Parish Councils are able to offer grants. If your organisation would like to be considered for financial support, please contact the Clerk for an application form or download one from our website.

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 progress reports are requested by the Council.

Environment

Community Walkabouts take place with representatives from: New Earswick Parish Council, City of York Council (COYC), Ward Councillors and Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT). The group meet monthly and cover a designated area of the Parish each time. Any issues raised are then taken up by the specific organisation responsible and dealt with.

During the year, repairs have been undertaken to a number of footpaths.

Bus shelters owned and maintained by the Parish Council were repaired and repainted. Unfortunately within hours of this work taking place, one of the shelters was vandalised. Following a successful grant application for over £2000 an additional street light has been installed adjacent to the Rowan Avenue shelter. Several residents had requested a light at this location.

Inconsiderate dog owners still allow their animals to foul footpaths and the Parish Council is working closely with the Enforcement Team at City of York Council.

Members have looked at updating Emergency Planning Procedures and how these link into the wider community.

Membership

We continue to be members of various local and national groups and societies that are relevant to the work of the Council including:-

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

Members of the Parish Council regularly attend meetings of these and other external organisations.

Policing

A recent meeting between Parish Councils and the Police looked at ways of improving links between the two organisations. The Police offer crime prevention advice to residents and property marking schemes. To make contact:- Telephone 101 or you can email:-snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Consultation

The Parish Council is consulted by COYC on planning applications for properties within the Parish. The Parish Council also responds to COYC and other organisations regarding policies and proposals that concern the Parish.

The formal planning approval for the re-development of the Folk Hall and Red Lodge area of the Parish was granted recently. Members welcomed the inclusion of the relocation of the tennis courts as part of the scheme.

Post Office

The temporary closure of the Post Office in New Earswick caused concern to everyone. The re-opening of this facility based in the Folk Hall brings a major benefit to the area and is against the national trend of post office services being reduced.

Representatives from York St John University have kept Members informed on the development of the sports facilities at the Haxby Road site.

Meetings

Local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council. They are held every third Monday in the month (except December) at the Folk Hall, commencing at 19.00 hours in the Parish Council office. Agendas and minutes from meetings are displayed on the Parish notice boards and are available on the Parish Council web site.

To contact any of the above Councillors please do so via the Clerk in the first instance:-

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Cllr Don Crawford (Chairman) 24 April 2017