

## **NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Annual Report 2017-18**

**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 Sue Glenton (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Darren Newton
Cllr Vic Atkins	Cllr Carol Runciman
Cllr Fiona Crawford	Cllr Audrey Steel
Cllr Christine Durrant	Cllr John Young

During the year Cllr Nik Milner and Cllr David Moody resigned from the Council. Members wish to thank them for their help and support.

#### **Finance**

The precept for 2017-18 was set at £22,000. 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.

This year one area that was supported was to help with the cost of re-locating the Post Office in the Parish.

#### **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.

With support from the British Heart Foundation, a community defibrillator was located at the Methodist Church. This gives twenty-four hour access to the cabinet in the event of an emergency. Fifteen local residents attended an awareness session and so far the defibrillator has been fetched four times as a result of a call to the emergency services. Members appreciate the help that has been given by the congregation of the Methodist Church.

### **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)  
Huntington Burial Authority  
Open Spaces Society  
River Foss Society  
Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)  
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)

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

### **Policing**

The Parish Council receives a monthly update relating to incidents and the initiatives that are being undertaken by the Police. They offer crime prevention advice to residents and property marking schemes. To make contact:- Telephone 101 or you can email:- [snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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 Local Plan is currently being developed by COYC and the Parish Council has responded by raising concerns that the area known locally as 'The Old School Field' is included for the future development of housing. This would take away one of the few remaining areas of open land in the Parish. The Plan will shortly be considered by Inspectors for compliance and soundness.

The re-development of the Folk Hall and Red Lodge has now commenced. The tennis courts have a new home at the Sports Club and play facilities for youngsters are to be included in the overall scheme. A newly formed local group have been working to try to retain the swimming pool close to the Folk Hall which is a valued community asset.

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

A representative from the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust attended a meeting to give details of the proposed new York in-patient facility on Haxby Road. The seventy-two bed development is to be based on a seven acre site costing in the region of £25 million to establish.

### **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) 16 April 2018