

# **NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Annual Report 2018-19**

### **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 Darren Newton

Cllr Sue Glenton (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Carol Runciman

Cllr Vic Atkins

Cllr Audrey Steel

Cllr Fiona Crawford

Cllr John Young

Cllr Christine Durrant

Councillor Elizabeth Jefferson recently retired from the Council and there remains one vacancy. Members appreciate the help and support that she has given over recent years. Parish elections will take place on the 2nd May, 2019.

### **Finance**

The precept for 2018-19 was set at £23,000. 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.

This year grants totalling more than £4000 have been awarded. Organisations including Film at the Folk Hall, the Toolbox Project and Friends of New Earswick School have received support.

### **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. If you have any concerns, please let us know and we will

try to improve the situation. Examples already raised, include vandalism, dog fouling and overgrown hedges that reduce pavement space.

Previously, with support from the British Heart Foundation, a community defibrillator was located at the Methodist Church. This has been used by the Ambulance Service on several occasions during the year.

### **Membership**

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

City of York Council - Ward meetings  
Friends of New Earswick Swimming Pool (FoNESP)  
New Lodge Liaison Group  
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/Community**

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.

A new Local Plan is being developed by COYC and the Parish Council raised concerns that the area known locally as 'The Old School Field' was 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.

The development of the new York In-Patient Facility on Haxby Road has now commenced and the contractors are Wates Construction, who are working with the local community. They are pleased to receive feedback from residents.

Members have welcomed the agreement of Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust to transfer the operation of the swimming pool to a newly established Board of

Trustees. This will ensure the future of the pool, a local asset valued by many people.

### **Meetings**

During the year, the Parish Council returned to their office at the Folk Hall following the re-development of the building. Local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council which are held every third Monday in the month (except December) 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) 15 April, 2019