

NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2023-24

Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council comprises ten Councillors and a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who works part time based at the Parish Council Office at New Earswick Primary School. There is one Casual Vacancy.

Your Councillors are:-

Cllr Sue Glenton (Chair)

Cllr Roy Love (Vice Chair)

Cllr Christine Cooke

Cllr Christine Durrant

Cllr Will Durrant

Cllr Yvonne Orton

Cllr Carol Runciman

Cllr Audrey Steel

Cllr J Whitehead

Parish Council Office

Our office is rented from the Education Authority and is situated in New Earswick Primary School. Access is only required by the Parish Clerk as the monthly meetings are held in the Folk Hall (for a fee, as the school is not open in the evenings) but the clerk has a workable space to perform her duties.

Finance

The precept for 2023-24 was [set at £28,000](#). [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. There will be a new auditor this year due to the retirement of our long standing auditor. The procedure has changed slightly to make use of the electronic process. 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 £9260 have been awarded. Organisations including The Swimming Pool, The British Legion, CAN and The Sports and Social Club have received support.

Environment

The Parish Council assets (Grit Bins, Bus Shelters and benches) have been checked as fit for purpose. Some maintenance work is due, the grit bins needed emptying of rubbish and the salt/grit re ground to be useable. There has been further damage to the paintwork on one of the bus shelters and COYC are looking at a remedy. One councillor continues the work with JRHT and other organisations on recycling. Initial contact with the Clerk is advised to highlight any issues for referral to the Trust or COYC.

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)

Open Spaces Society

Our Haxby Community (Patients Input group for local surgery)

River Foss Society

CPRE Campaign to Protect Rural England

Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

York Bus Forum

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. In addition there are police attending our meetings when possible. The PCSOs have attended several meetings during this year to introduce new members of their team or offer advice on the current situation. They have recently joined with two Councillors in the Folk Hall to hold a monthly open morning for any residents with concerns and to also offer crime prevention advice to residents and property marking schemes. Vandalism and anti social behaviour appear to have been reduced this year and the village of New Earswick continues to be a relatively low crime area; however should contact with the police be required the details are listed below:

To make contact: - Telephone 101 or you can email:- snayorkouter@northyorkshire.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. The majority of requests relate to tree works in the Parish. A new Local Plan is still being developed by COYC for the future development of housing.

Planning applications have been passed in relation to 'The Old School Field' for 117 dwellings and Acacia Avenue, for 6 dwellings. Ivy Place – 5 dwellings, Hawthorn Terrace – 5 dwellings and Garthway – 14 dwellings are pending approval by COYC. The Bowling Club, building was not designated as a residential site and has a reprieve. The Parish Council has discussed and responded to all of these. The Parish Council has been responsible for the planting of a tree to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and also placing a bench on the riverside to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II with support from CAN and Travis Perkins

There have been requests for support from several residents in the village relating to issues with damp, with maintenance, with necessary adaptations for people with mobility issues, with repairs to fencing and the difficulties some elderly residents are having with hedge cutting responsibilities. These have all been noted and responded to by individual Parish Councillors, by communicating with JRHT, often via COYC councillors

Meetings

Parish Council meetings have continued to take place in the Folk Hall since the office move and all residents are welcome to attend. These are held every third Monday in the month (except December) commencing at 19.00 hours at the Folk Hall. Agendas and minutes from meetings are displayed on the Parish notice boards and are available on the Parish Council web site.

Contact

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

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Cllr Sue Glenton(Chair) April 2024