
Bellerby Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2016



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NORTH YORKSHIRE

Community Plan

As you may have seen in recent press articles, Leyburn is starting to develop a Town Plan. This is being co-ordinated by the Town Council but at present is still in the consultation phase. Ideally the Town will need input from all sections and groups of the Community to suggest various projects which may benefit Leyburn and the wider area.

We believe it's important that the voices of the wider community are also considered in any proposals, as Bellerby depends on Leyburn as the main 'hub' for the local area. There could also be benefits for the Village, through various initiatives that can link in to the town's easier access to resources, so that we can all work more effectively and reduce duplication.

As a Parish Council we also intend to develop a 'Community Plan' to determine the work for Council for the short, medium and longer term. We intend any consultation that we undertake to also feed into the work being done in Leyburn, and will use information that we gather as both evidence of public consultation and to support any applications for suitable funding that may become available.

A robust Community plan will enable the Parish Council to access resources more easily, which will help with the development or finance of proposed projects, to make sure that they are successful. Some grant funding is dependent on there being a solid plan in place, evidenced with community consultation.

As soon as we have further news on what information is required to inform the Leyburn Town Plan, we will compile and distribute a questionnaire to the Village.

Please as individuals, can you also consider what improvements or changes you would like to see or develop in our Community, and we will put these into the questionnaire for consideration by everyone. As with the previous plan, we will take this forward and the Parish Council will work on the priorities that you identify. As we have done in the past, we will be asking people to sign and date their questionnaires to enable them to be used as 'community consultation evidence' if we apply for grants funding.

If anyone has any topics they would like to see included as priorities, can you please pass them to the Clerk, (contact details on back page) with a brief explanation.

Defibrillator

Free Awareness Session

Following on from the excellent (and very well attended) Defibrillator Awareness Session run by Patrick Murphy of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, a further session has been arranged to be held in **Bellerby Memorial Hall on the 2nd June 2016**. This was a very worthwhile event, discussing the principles of First Aid and demonstrating use of the Defibrillator. A Resusci-Annie was also available for anyone to have a go at CPR. The Parish Council would encourage anyone who has not yet attended one of these sessions to attend.

Open Gardens & Events Group

There will be no Open Gardens this year, but the Group are organising an event on **Sunday 10th July** to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday. This will combine the normal Bellerby Feast activities - fancy dress and children's races etc with a Hog Roast, Beer & refreshment tent, and rounded off with music and dancing in the Memorial Hall. We're just hoping for nice weather!

Emergency Plan

A grant of £300 has been received from Rural Action Yorkshire to assist with the updating and implementing of the Village's Emergency Plan. The Clerk recently attended a County Council led meeting at which Parish Councils were offered the chance to obtain a free emergency box if they submitted an emergency plan to the County Council. The clerk has submitted a provisional plan and awaits the Emergency Box. The £300 will be used for additional items.

A questionnaire is included with this newsletter for collection of data to include in the Emergency Plan. The Parish Council would be grateful if as many people as possible could complete this so the Parish Council can be better prepared for any eventuality.

Volunteers for an Emergency group are also being sought. Anyone who feels that they can help in various emergency situations please complete the questionnaire.

Vacancy

Due to a house move one of the Parish Councillors has unfortunately had to resign. Lee Wardman has been an excellent Councillor, working to secure funding for the Defibrillator installation, and also working on traffic calming measures.

If anyone feels that they would like to contribute or assist with the work of the Parish Council, please feel free to contact the Chairman – John Hutchinson or the Parish Clerk Lynn Watkinson (contact details below) for a brief chat regarding what it entails.

Village Green Works

Although we still experienced some flooding over the Christmas period volunteers from the Village helped to prevent it from being much worse than it could have been. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped. As mentioned in the previous article, we still need to complete further work on the Emergency Plan, and appeal for volunteers to put their names forward to get involved, and as points of contact.

Sandbags are located at Scott's (Manor Farm), and were quickly deployed on Christmas night. The improvement works on Mill Lane helped to prevent further damage, but also highlighted more work that needs to be done. Unfortunately some of this is beyond the scope of the Parish Council and will require investment from Highways and Local Authorities. The Parish Council is continuing to work to get these projects on the agenda for planned future work.

The new signpost to place on the green pointing to the Church and Memorial Hall has been received, and with the new Village noticeboard will be erected as soon as practicable. These were both purchased as part of the Village Green improvement works, with support from Richmondshire's Community Opportunity Fund.

Speeding The Parish Council failed in its bid for funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Community Fund for matrix signs for the village. A further bid for funding is being prepared for a smaller amount from the Police Property Fund for speeding signs for the entrances to the village. Matrix signs are still considered a priority, and we will look at any alternative funding schemes available which may help with the installations. When mobile speed monitoring was last carried out, nearly all of the vehicles speeding were local residents, so please drive carefully through the village, our neighbours depend on it. There have also been incidents of excessive speed and reckless driving, at the junction between the pub and Island house, and around the bus stop, with cars failing to stop at both junctions. Highways are considering 'traffic-calming' measures if the problem persists, so please be careful around these areas, and considerate of residents who's doors open close to the road and passing cars.

If anyone has concerns or witnesses speeding this can be reported to the police very simply on-line at <http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/speedconcernform> paper forms are also available, to complete and post to report an incident. Forms can be downloaded at <http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/reportspeeding> or contact the parish clerk or any councillor who can arrange some for you.

Phone Box The Phone Box on Church Street is now the responsibility of the Parish Council. The frontrunners for the change of use for the box were as an Information Point and as a 'Swap Shop' for surplus plants, fruit and vegetable or similar items. Both of these can easily be incorporated into the Phone Box so watch this space... limited as it is.

And unfortunately as always...Dog Fouling

There's been a spate of misplaced etiquette with someone kindly placing paper tissues and stones over dog waste. Can we ask everyone to pick up after their pets and remind holiday cottage owners to either supply their visitors with appropriate bags or tell them what's expected? It's also permissible to dispose of double bagged waste in normal waste bins.

Local Council Award Scheme

The Parish Council is working towards compliance with the Local Councils Award scheme. As part of the continuing drive towards transparency, and as a part of this scheme, the Parish Council's Agendas, Minutes, Accounts and procedural documents are being uploaded to the County Council Open Data Platform.

It is hoped that in due course the Memorial Hall documentation will also be uploaded.

The information is available online at -

<https://www.datanorthyorkshire.org/dataset> and search for Bellerby.

For people who don't have access to the internet, the Council will still hold a paper record of the main documents. Please contact the Clerk with any requests.

Archives

The historic documents held by the Parish Council have now been lodged on permanent loan in the County Council Archives on Malpas Road, Northallerton. Historic documents from the Memorial Hall will also be added to this collection to better preserve them for the future.

Adopt a Bench A big thank you to the people who've already adopted a bench or flower tubs near to their homes, but we still have some in need of a little TLC, (and now we also have the 'phone box that will need to be kept smelling sweetly). We'd be exceptionally grateful to anyone who can provide some time to complete a bit of annual maintenance on some of the village's furniture. The Parish Council will provide materials if volunteers can complete the tasks.

Clean for the Queen Before the Open Gardens & Events Group event on Sunday the 10th July we thought it appropriate to make sure that everything is spic and span in the Village.

Jane Travell will be leading a 'Clean for the Queen' group of litter pickers on Saturday 25th June. Volunteers up for a spring or summer clean please meet at the Tree at 10.00am on that Saturday morning.

Online Planning Petition Closing Date 16.04.16

Yorkshire Local Councils Association supports a petition to give local councils the right to appeal planning decisions. It calls on the Government to introduce a limited right of appeal by giving parish councils a right to appeal planning decisions to the Planning Inspectorate. Currently if a planning authority approves an application, no one has the right to appeal. The petition says that Government should give local councils the right to appeal planning decisions. Please support this right; it's in the communities interests.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489>

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Vacancy			

Future Parish Council Meetings

16th May 2015 (Incl Annual Parish and Annual General Meetings)

All start at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall with minutes of the previous meetings available on the Notice Boards, (Memorial Hall & on the Green), and on the website.

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Good Neighbours Scheme



Good Neighbours Schemes are operated by volunteers, and offer rural residents help with household tasks, picking up prescriptions, giving a lift to the shops or the doctors or just providing some company. This assistance is freely available to anyone in the community who needs a helping hand. Seven schemes are being set up across North Yorkshire: Hambleton, Harrogate, Ryedale, Scarborough, Craven, Selby and Richmondshire.

The schemes are being run by village or a market town. Bellerby is intending to join forces with Leyburn to widen the scope of available volunteers. An additional focus aims to help older people live in their homes independently for longer, to feel more connected to their neighbours, and reduce their need for health care services. Good Neighbours scheme volunteer co-ordinators are supported by Rural Action Yorkshire every step of the way, with assistance such as -

- free and hands-on support and mentoring from Rural Action Yorkshire and partners
- direct funding and assistance to obtain grants
- bringing co-ordinators and volunteers together to share learning
- a Good Neighbours toolkit
- assistance with recruiting volunteers and long-term fundraising

If you feel that you could spare some time no matter how few minutes per week, and would like to become involved, please complete the form on the next page and return it to the Clerk at 5 Belle Vue Terrace, **OR** Michael Hepper via St John's, Bellerby. We'll pass it onto the area co-ordinator, or who knows we may have sufficient to form our own group!

Good Neighbours launched in April 2015, kindly sponsored by NESTA and North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities programme.

'Good Neighbours' Expression of Interest Form

Name:

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Address:

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Contact no: Date:

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Email address:

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Approx. age of volunteer (circle one): under 19 19 - 65 66 -74 75 +

AVAILABILITY - please circle potential times you might like to help

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	Other (please say)
am	am	am	am	am	am	am	
pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	
evening	evening	evening	evening	evening	evening	evening	

TYPE OF VOLUNTARY WORK: Please tick the help you might be able to undertake

Shopping / errands / prescription collection	
Lifts to/from hospital/clinic/doctor appointments	
Befriending / social visits	
Small household jobs e.g. changing light bulbs, watering plants etc	
Emergency and minor indoor repairs / light DIY tasks	
Filling in forms (non legal) / Writing letters / Helping with post	
Gardening / lawn-mowing / dog-walking / other outdoor activities	
Being part of the phone rota: matching callers to suitable volunteers (can be done at home – or fitted around part-time employment or other activities)	
Being part of the organising group – help with publicity, fund raising, etc	
Other — please specify:	

*Please return this form to: Lynn Watkinson 5 Belle Vue Terrace, Bellerby or
Michael Hepper via St John's Church*