

Bellerby Parish Council Newsletter

December 2021



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NORTH YORKSHIRE

Firstly – I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 2021 has been interesting and eventful for some of us for many varied, and not always happy reasons. We have lost some dear friends and welcomed new ones into our lives. Covid is still present amongst us, and the daily twists and turns of its nature means we all have to adapt on a daily basis to live as normal a life as possible. Hopefully, 2022 will bring better news, and if it doesn't we learn to adapt and cope to ensure we move forward and meet its challenges head on.

This newsletter is rather shorter than usual, but as Local Government is operating mostly with people working from home, and North Yorkshire County Council are pre-occupied with the Unitary Authority proposals, things seem to be moving rather slower than normal. However we thought it essential that people are updated on a few key issues.

Flooding & Quarry Heads Update

The Parish Council had a presentation from North Yorkshire Flood Resilience Team a few weeks ago. The Flood team are reporting back to each of the towns and villages affected by the major flooding, and updating Town and Parish Councils on the proposals put forward through the feasibility study. These possible solutions will then be costed and the most appropriate, presented as potential schemes for funding. As all of the village meetings have not as yet taken place, we have been asked not to share any of the schemes until the meetings have all been completed, and the projects are fully costed.

North Yorkshire Flood Resilience Team are proposing to have a joint public open event (probably in Leyburn), over a number of days and evenings, presenting all proposed schemes for each village. This will enable anyone interested to attend, and ask questions of the experts. The intention is for this to be early in the New Year, but of course this will depend on prevailing Covid restrictions.

To ensure that everyone is aware of the event the Parish Council will publicise details to the Village as soon as we are made aware of them.

A proposal for Quarry Heads is included as one of a number of options, as we have mentioned previously. Obviously the Parish Council will not proceed further with any land transfer until North Yorkshire County Council Flood Team and the Consultants identify this as one of the preferred options, but work done to date means that any work can be started quickly, if this is determined to be one of the most appropriate flood prevention measures.

Community Garden

We're proposing to hold an open meeting for anyone interested in joining the Community Garden Group on Tuesday 4th January at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall (Covid restrictions permitting).

This is an opportunity for everyone and anyone, (regardless of their ability) who would like to be involved, to shape the direction of this village facility. All options and designs for the garden are on the table and open for discussion.

We see this as a potentially wonderful resource for the Village and wider community, open to individuals and groups of all ages, as a communal meeting place, somewhere to grow food, and decorative plants, as a destination in the village, to be used for exercise, pass on skills, learn from others and above all - friendship.

If for any reason you cannot make the meeting but are interested in a chat or further information, please contact the Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors by email, telephone, note or in person. Their contact details are over the page.

Snow Clearance

We again approached North Yorkshire Highways to extend the gritting route around Bellerby but have yet again been refused, even when offering to pay. We're looking to appoint an independent contractor (but these need to be agreed by NYCC Highways as an approved contractor). Hopefully our preferred operator will be successfully approved, but unfortunately the wheels of approval grind very slowly...

20's Plenty

Since the Bellerby Road Safety Report was adopted by the Parish Council along with the 20s Plenty motion back in November a further eight parish and town councils in the Richmondshire District Council area have given their support to the campaign. The Parish Council is working towards developing a lobby block within Richmondshire to promote the campaign and keep the momentum up.

In total fifty-five Parish and Town Councils across North Yorkshire have already signed up over the three months since the North Yorkshire group was formed.

Work is on-going with North Yorkshire Police to get the traffic monitoring equipment, last sited in the village in 2017 back in place in the village. No date has been offered as yet and the last enforcement occurred in 2020.

PC Gary Hankin, our new beat manager, has passed the village Road Safety Report up the chain of command and we wait to see if somebody picks it up. A copy has also been forwarded to Zoe Metcalfe the new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. We have also had a request for a copy of the report from Isfield in East Sussex.

Some of the children from the village took part in a photo shoot on their way home from school, in support of the campaign. A delegation from the village also went to County Hall in Northallerton this week in support of 6-year-old Poppy who presented Council officials with a huge Christmas card on behalf of the 55 councils in North Yorkshire and talked to a journalist to explain why Bellerby supported the campaign.

We have secured a small number of bin stickers, if you would like one, please contact either Steve or Lynn. It will be first come first served.



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Future Parish Council Meetings

10th January 2022, 14th March 2022, 25th April 2022 Annual Parish Meeting, 9th May 2022 Annual Parish Council Meeting

Start at 7.30pm with minutes of the previous meetings available on the Notice Boards located at the Memorial Hall and on the village website. <http://bellerbyvillage.com/#/council>

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