

Newton Matters!

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The Newsletter of The Newton on Ouse Parish Council

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CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, YEAR ENDING MAY 2019

- May's Annual Meeting brings to a close my second year as Chair of the Newton on Ouse Parish Council, and I am grateful to fellow councillors and, in particular, the Clerk to the Parish Council, Karen Morris, for their engagement with village matters and support for the Parish Council.
- A major issue in 2018 was the concern about the planning application for three houses on Back Lane. This year, after much inactivity, the houses appear to be approaching completion, though local residents and the PC continue to express concerns about aspects of the development such as the access to the adjacent field and damage to the verge.
- The poor condition of roads and footpaths in the village has been a major concern of residents; but the PC was pleased to push through – at some cost – the establishment of a one-way system along the approach to Cherry Tree Avenue from Moor Lane. It is disappointing that the signage is inconspicuous, and vehicles have been seen continuing to travel the wrong way past the Old School and High Morrow.
- The PC has installed a sign announcing entrance to the village from the Linton road. It also supports

the cost of a traffic speed monitor as vehicles enter the village from the York end. Speeding vehicles, including tractors, continue to alarm residents and the PC is aware of the need to keep pressing for solutions to this problem.

- Much effort and some expense has gone into surveying the trees in the village, as a result of which a priority list for removing, pruning or the planting of new trees has been established. This is an expensive process and the work will have to be spread over a few years. The PC, meanwhile, has supported residents who have faced problems from trees close to their properties. The PC also ensures that the grass verges, the Green and the Landing are kept trimmed and tidy; three new dog bins have been purchased, again hoping to keep the village tidy and clean.

- The provision of village facilities is another aspect of village life on which the PC keeps a watching brief and is happy to support:

- The complex issue of the sale of the Old School Hall and School House has been resolved with the sale of both properties and development is underway

in the Old School Hall;

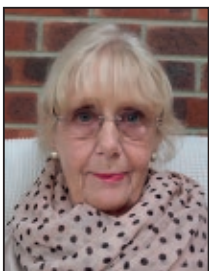
- The PC will take a keen interest in the establishment of options for community facilities in the village, including both the current Parish Hall and the Church as well as options for a 'new build';
- Major building work on All Saints Church is securing the roof and stonework and provides protection from bad weather. Further developments are planned for the Church, including the provision of toilet facilities;
- Support for the Playing Field Committee who continue to struggle to maintain this great facility largely through fundraising events;
- The annual Service of Remembrance held at the Memorial Cairn on Back Lane; we hope that the long and valued link between Newton and the RAF can be maintained in the future;
- The PC supported financially the surfacing of the new footpath to Beningbrough, an improvement welcomed by walkers and pushchair pushers alike.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS...

Joining the Team

We would like to welcome two newly elected councillors to the parish.

District Councillor Malcolm Taylor was elected on 2nd May. Malcolm lives in Alne and was an investigating police officer for 36 years. He currently serves on Hambleton's planning committee and is vice chair of the licencing committee. To contact him, his e-mail address is: Cllr.Malcolm.Taylor@hambleton.gov.uk



Riverview, Chesterfield Court, or George Crescent. Sue loves the village, loves cats, dogs, crafts, gardening and her allotment. Her contact number is 848476.

Sue Chadwick has recently been co-opted onto the Parish Council. She has lived in the Village for over 30 years and seen many changes during that time: the school had closed due to so few children in village; there were only 10 houses in Bravener Court and not the 28 there are now, and there was no Beechfield,

A BIG Thank you

Malcolm has taken over from Chris Rooke who has served the Parish so very well over his lifetime, as a local lad and as a District Councillor. Chris, we really do appreciate all your hard work.

Your help with council matters, keeping us up to date on local affairs and for volunteering to do so many jobs throughout the Parish. Thank you, Chris, from all of us, and we wish you well for the future.

The secret's out!

Have you ever wondered what Parish Council Chairmen, past and present, get up to in their spare time? They enjoy a spot of Morris Dancing! Here are Tim and Andrew, along with a few other local participants, stopping the traffic as they take part with The Strays Morris Dancers outside the Blacksmiths Arms. It was a great family evening with plenty of encouragement from the professionals for children of all ages to take part.



Defibrillator Training



The Parish Council and the Parish Hall Committee have purchased a defibrillator (assisted by a grant from the Easingwold Lions) which is to be installed outside the Parish Hall.

Mr John Sutherland from Easingwold Lions has offered to provide a training session on Tuesday 16 July at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

He is happy to train 20 people, even more if there is a demand. The session is not so much training as giving people the confidence to 'open the box' and use the defibrillator if necessary. Training lasts about 90 minutes.

Please can you let Karen Morris know if you would like to attend.

Parish Hall and Playing Field News

It has been a busy Spring organising social events, established and new, to hopefully bring the community together. The Easter Egg Hunt was very exciting; challenging the children to follow clues around the village and collect letters to rearrange into an Easter word. There were craft tables in the Parish Hall and all the children went home with their pieces of art and an Easter Egg.



The Beetle Drive followed with the children determined to beat the grown-ups. It was very competitive, and the games were fierce, noisy, and great fun.

Finally, the Strawberry Cream Tea was a great hit, which is not surprising given the wonderful



scone makers in the village. The hall was packed by mid-afternoon and noise levels rose as friends caught up with each other's news – perhaps a glass of prosecco helped!

Thank to everyone who helped at these events – you're awesome. There have been 2 meetings with Community First Yorkshire regarding the Parish Survey. A draft first survey has been compiled and we await their advice before we proceed with the distribution. They will then provide an analysis of the feedback. Later in the process a third party will be employed to be the face of any consultation event. This is to guarantee an unbiased chairing of the discussion and any subsequent points raised.

Do you enjoy having a BBQ? Not enough seating for your guests? Then you may like to consider hiring tables and chairs from the Parish Hall. Enquiries to Jen, 07816158370 or Pascha, 07977909734.



Church Matters

Well here we are in Summer already and the weather is being very kind, so we hope everyone is taking full advantage.

All Saints thanks all the amazing children who took part in our Easter Fun Day on 17th April. They made the most wonderful Easter Garden not to mention some very tasty goodies in their baking session! And there was lots of fun in the singing and drama corner too! We hope to continue with the All Saints Kids Club at various events throughout the year so please do get involved.

Our Safari Supper on Saturday 29th June was well supported and is a great evening of food and friendship.



Planning ahead we have a joint fundraiser with Linton Parish Council on Saturday 28th September. This is an afternoon tea with choir and hopefully some extra guests from 2-5pm and all are welcome at Linton Village Hall.

The church remains closed for the roof repairs which I'm pleased to report are going well and on plan for completion at the end of September.

We hope to have a special event when the church reopens so watch this space. In addition, our architect has drawn up plans to enable us to have a toilet in what is currently a tool shed to the left of the lych-gate.

Tender prices are higher than we would have liked so if anyone would like to contribute to the toilet fund to enable us to proceed with this project please do get in touch with Reverend Malcolm.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Open Day

It may not be Chelsea, but we have our own horticultural show taking place in the village when the allotment association opens its gate to the public on Sunday 28th July from 2.00 til 4.00pm.

There will be refreshments on offer, and flowers and produce for sale. Enjoy a look around the allotments and see if your favourite is the one the judges liked best. Whatever the weather, you will be given a warm welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 11 July at 7.30pm: Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 16 July at 7.00pm: Defibrillator Training in the Parish Hall

Thursday 18 July at 7.00pm: Ladies Night in the Parish Hall

Saturday 28 September at 7.00pm: Barn Dance in the Parish Hall

Saturday 5 October at 10.30am: MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL: Chair Tim Key 844036; Clerk Karen Morris 848396; Sue Chadwick 848476; Lesley Devlin 848044; Fiona Laycock 848138; Marie-Claire Pickard 844006; Glenda Turnbull 848423

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