

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2012/13

Your Parish Councillors: Mrs Pauline Bramley [Chairman], Mr Bill McClean [Vice Chairman], Mr Richard Bramley, Mr Chris Cadman, Mr Peter Hall, Lady Dorothy Lawton, Mrs Zena Richards, Mr Jeffrey Stern, Mrs Joan Visick

Ward Councillor – Cllr. David Levene

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS. Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Meeting Room, normally on the third Tuesday of the month. Dates for the next meetings are: Tuesdays 19th March, 16th April, 21st May, 18th June. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and raise matters of concern during the public session. If members want an item to be on the official agenda they should apply to the Clerk at least 8 days before the meeting.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY and STUDENT PARTICIPATION. Recent Parish Council meetings have been attended by 2 or 3 York University Students which is a helpful innovation enabling the Students Union to understand problems experienced by residents and visa versa.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The Parish Council is given the opportunity to comment on all planning applications within Heslington parish. Residents with concerns about or objections to any planning application are welcome to attend the public session to give us their views or to make their views known in advance of meetings by contacting the clerk.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – HMOs. Matthew Parkinson and Mike Slater from CYC gave a presentation on this to the PC in January which helped us to understand how CYC are applying the recent Article 4 Direction when considering planning applications. . Any dwelling housing 3 or more unrelated residents is an HMO. Any new HMO requires planning permission and the planning authority will probably refuse the application if more than 10% of the houses within 100 m street length are already HMOs. They may also refuse it if more than 20% of dwellings within the neighbourhood are HMOs. Currently our ‘neighbourhood’ is a very large area of open countryside stretching from the northern edge of Escrick to the western edge of Stamford Bridge , excluding Dunnington but including Badger Hill and Murton. The PC has requested that this large area be reviewed and reduced. Currently the 10% Street limit is more relevant to Heslington. The PC is proposing to create its own database of HMOs in the village and will be grateful if parishioners would report any HMOs close to them to the Parish Clerk or to any councillor.

HESLINGTON MAIN STREET – THE STREET SCENE. Currently our street-scene is being spoilt by the clutter of advertising banners, 'A' boards and red wheelie bins. We are hoping for some action from CYC on this.

MAIN STREET / UNIVERSITY ROAD / FIELD LANE ALTERATIONS and CYCLE PATH. CYC are now circulating a consultation leaflet, questionnaire and plans for two alternative schemes. There will be a public meeting to explain and discuss the two options at Heslington Church from 7.00 to 8.30pm on Monday 4th March. The closing date for the consultation will be the 22nd April 2013.

UNIVERSITY ROAD CYCLE TRACK. The PC have lobbied for this scheme for a new track alongside the length of University Road to be moved up the priorities list and are optimistic of positive news soon.

OUTGANG ROAD RESURFACING. The work has now been added to CYC’s patching schedule with the work due to be completed by April, weather permitting. In addition the PC has contracted a tree surgeon to prune the trees alongside the Outgang and on Common Lane which should help to improve the area.

STREET BUDDIES. This is a new community initiative from CYC and the item which follows is their call for voluntary help to keep our village and surroundings looking neat and tidy in a time of austerity

Be a Street Buddy *Do you Love Where You Live and want to get more involved?*

We are looking for street buddies to ‘adopt’ a bit of their street or somewhere they care about and want to do more to make it look better. What can a street buddy do.... below are a few ideas of what you could do as a street buddy - Litter Picking, Weeding and gardening a piece of land, Keep a utility box looking good by painting over the graffiti on it. The possibilities are endless, so if you have any ideas of what you would like to do, get in touch. We can provide the materials and support that you need to become a street hero and show everyone else how you **Love Where You Live!** Once you have signed up we will keep you up to date on what’s happening and who else is involved with Love Where You Live York! Please contact your street environment officer, Suzanne Prance to become a street buddy. Suzanne can be contacted on 01904 553101 or by email suzanne.prance@york.gov.uk

FLY-TIPPING is illegal dumping of waste and has become a problem on Low Lane, Heslington. Due to the location and accessibility, this has become a prime spot for people to fly tip their waste. All fly tipped offences are photographed and evidence seized. If there is suitable evidence at the location then this will be investigated further and enforcement action will be taken against those responsible. Towards the end of 2012, the Street Environment Service received numerous complaints in relation to fly tipped items on the highway on Low Lane. Your Street Environment Officer Suzanne Prance and Environmental Enforcement Officer Sam Watling, attended and investigated. Currently these cases are ongoing and will update residents when possible, with the outcome. A successful prosecution can result in a fine at a magistrate’s court of up to £50,000 and / or six months imprisonment. As this is a hotspot area, it is routinely visited to ensure prompt removal and investigation.

If you witness or come across any flytipping, please report to the York Customer Centre on 01904 551550.

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE -Heslington Surgeries - 2013

These are scheduled to take place at the Village Meeting Room from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on:
Tuesday 5th March, Wednesday 17th April, Thursday 16th May and Thursday 20th June.

Our North Yorkshire Police dedicated officer for Heslington/University of York SNA is Jon-Mark Buchanan, Collar Number 6451.

Dial 101, press option 2 and ask for him by his full name and collar number stating each number individually

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS and email addresses.

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL - Main Number – 01904 551550
Respark free hotline – 0800 1381119

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE – (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking): Jon-Mark Buchanan

SNAYorkeat@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk - Non-Emergency Number – 101

Students Union Day Disturbance Hotline - 01904 43372

UNIVERSITY SECURITY HOTLINE – Linda.brosnan@york.ac.uk or 01904 434444

CYC NOISE CONTROL 01904 551555

CYC Street Environment Officer – suzanne.prance@york.gov.uk - 01904 553101

York Hospital – 01904 631313

Heslington Football Club – John Sellars – 01904 421430

Fulford Football Club – Graham Souter – 01904 635365 or 07769 901914

Civil Service Association Cricket Club – Jon Winfield – 01904 448796

Heslington Scout Group - Andrew Eccles – 01904 413626

Heslington Brownies/Rainbows Janet Owston - j_owston@yahoo.co.uk 01904 410030

Village Meeting Room – Rosabelle Lonsborough 01904 413322