

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2013

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

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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 November, 17th December, 21st January 2014, 18th February, and 18th March. 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 prior to the meeting.

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.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW. The Commission proposed that there should be 2 Ward Councillors covering Fulford, Heslington and The University. The PC has responded that we would prefer to have one Ward Councillor to represent both Fulford and Heslington with the second Ward councillor representing the University residents. We await a response.

HESLINGTON VILLAGE MEETING ROOM. The Village Meeting Room is managed as a charity by a committee. After very many years of sterling work 6 members of the committee including all the main officer holders decided to retire. At their recent AGM there were 4 new volunteers so a disaster was averted and the continued use of this lovely building and all the lovely events which can happen there is now secure. However further volunteers and a little secretarial help will be welcomed. Details of office holders will be available after their next meeting which should be held shortly.

CYC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – THE PREFERRED OPTIONS. These proposals were fully aired at a number of local meetings and the Parish Council were made fully aware of the views of local residents. They submitted an 11 page response [4057 words] detailing our comment on the proposals as a whole and as they affect the village. A major point made was the lack of prior consultation so that no details were provided regarding the impact of the development of the new town of Whinthorpe on local infrastructure. Later information has indicated the Highways agency were not consulted until early June and thus the new town was proposed with no knowledge as to how it would be serviced. A strong point was made that no extra traffic from any new development around Whinthorpe should be allowed down Common Lane. The full response can be viewed via the Heslington Village website.

CYC will now be studying all the various responses and will take these into account when producing a final Local Plan proposal possibly in January with a consultation period during February and March 2014. It is then proposed that it will go back to full Council in May with a Public Inquiry in the summer.

HESLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. The Parish Council are considering whether a Neighbourhood Plan should be prepared so that any future development in and around the village will reflect the wishes of the residents in a similar manner to the Village Design Statement which was produced more than 10 years ago. Any new Plan must not conflict with the CYC Local Plan when that is finalised. There will be wide consultation if the PC proceeds with this.

FLOODING FROM DRAINS AND SEWERS. Following recent problems, CYC have agreed to conduct a full investigation of the sewage drain systems in School Lane.

HESLINGTON OUTGANG SPORTSFIELD – PLAYGROUND APPEAL. HELP NEEDED ! Our village playground was last revamped about 11 years ago and much of the equipment is in need of urgent repair or replacement. The annual cost of repairing the current equipment is unsustainable and if the village is to keep this lovely facility for our young then the Sportsfield Management Committee needs some help from local volunteers to agree what equipment is needed and then help to raise funds from the many possible sources. This could be a very rewarding experience. More modern equipment does not cost as much to maintain. Please contact Bill McClean Tel 410433

UNIVERSITY ROAD CYCLE TRACK. The PC understands that plans for this track are now linked to plans to make the University Library crossing area safer. The Parish Council is to be consulted soon.

STUDENT HOUSING. York University has been unable to provide hundreds of first-year students with a room on campus after running out of accommodation. More than 260 first year students will be living off-campus this year The university said the lack of campus accommodation, which has happened for the first time since the 2010/11 academic year, was due to a larger than expected number of students being given offers through clearing.

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT. The University have reported that: 1)**College 9** – work is well under way on the next student college, to the east of the new Langwith College. The project is on target for completion and opening of the accommodation in October 2014. 2)**Catalyst car park** – this is to have an additional 50 car parking spaces to bring the total Catalyst parking provision to 90 spaces, but the overall numbers of car parking spaces accessed from Field Lane will not exceed the original approved 150 spaces. 3) **Closed circuit cycle track** – the track is now complete and has been formally opened. It is available for members and non-members, and sessions include kids coaching, race nights and open sessions for the general public. 4) **Transport and parking surveys** – the annual transport and parking surveys for 2013 showed that secondary surveys should be undertaken in zones 1, 10, 11 and 12, and this work is programmed for November. This includes parts of Badger Hill.

LICENSING APPLICATIONS. The recent Licensing applications for the bar at Alcuin College and for an open area on Heslington East have both been approved but with some additional restrictions imposed on finishing times and noise levels are not to exceed 65 dB over a 15 minute period.

LEAF SWEEPING. It is anticipated that the ‘Leaf Sweeping’ days which were very successful last Autumn will be repeated this autumn. Volunteers will be called for and anyone who could supply a leaf blower will be very welcome indeed. Please watch the notice board for dates and points of contact.

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 [collar No. 6451]		
SNAYorkeat@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk -	Non-Emergency Number –	101 option 2
Students Union Day Disturbance Hotline -		01904 43372
UNIVERSITY SECURITY HOTLINE –		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 –	[see notice board for new arrangements]	