

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - 2014 - No.15

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.

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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 18th November, 16th December 2014 and 20th January, 24th February 2015. 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.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY. Following the resignation of Jeffery Stern there is a vacancy for one councillor on the PC. Applications by 17th November – please see the Village Notice board for details.

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.

HESLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

A steering group of 12 local residents have volunteered to help in moving this forward but more will be welcomed. The first meeting of the steering group will happen shortly. If any other resident feels able and willing to help then they should please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

CYC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN. James Irwin and Patrick James from Halifax Estates came to the July PC meeting to further explain their thoughts regarding secondary access routes and bus routes to the proposed Whinthorpe development. However this detail will not form any part of the Local plan proposals but would eventually be a part of their planning application if Whinthorpe eventually forms part of an approved Local Plan. However, at a full meeting of CYC, opposition Councillors voted through a motion which called for an immediate halt to the forthcoming consultation on the Local Plan. The motion stated that the plan approved by the Cabinet on 25th September does not accurately reflect the evidence base, has ignored reasonable alternatives and public opinion reflected in the two previous consultations and is not deliverable or sustainable.

Officers have now been instructed to prepare a further report on the housing trajectories for the next cross party 'Local Plan Working Group' meeting. It is hoped that opposition Councillors can now leverage concessions from the administration's Councillors so that the working group can agree an analysis of the City's housing needs and use this to inform a new Local Plan hopefully with significantly reduced allocations. This new Local Plan, if it can be agreed, would then be put again to the Working Group for discussion and recommendation to the Council's Cabinet in November.

However a reduction in house building numbers for York from 1250 per year to 850 per year will still leave a requirement for large areas of land for building and we cannot assume that

Whinthorpe will disappear. There is also an ongoing urgent need for a Local Plan to be agreed as otherwise the current protection offered by the Green Belt designation around Heslington may be ignored by planning inspectors if developers simply apply for planning permission on any block of land they are offered.

HESLINGTON WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW. The Boundary Commission have made their recommendations to parliament which has unfortunately included all of Holmfield with Halifax College which will in future be included within the Hull Road Ward. The remainder of the parish, except for the two University campuses will form part of a joint ward with Fulford. The PC have requested that Julian Sturdy will raise objections and get this substantial number of dwellings back to join the rest of the village for Ward purposes.

UNIVERSITY ROAD AND CYCLE PATH. Despite strong recommendations from your PC that there should be bus lay-byes and no speed cushions in their proposed works, CYC are progressing their scheme that includes several speed cushions and a 20mph speed limit and which they believe will be safer for the many students who cross the road in that area. Following strong representations from a resident that no equal consideration has been given to disabled/sick/old/frail people who cannot cope with vertical traffic calming measures, your PC hope that the scheme will be further reviewed shortly. Work on the proposed cycle path alongside University road will start very soon.

HMOs. The PC has lodged objections to 2 recent planning applications which it considered to be overdevelopment of individual former family houses. One application proposed to turn 22 The Crescent into 3 self contained flats with a potential for 6 cars. The other at 2 Paddock Chase proposed that 9 residents in 9 bedrooms on 3 floors would all share one kitchen with 8 of them sharing one bathroom and parking for just 5 cars and all this in a quiet residential area.

CHURCH FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY. Residents may have noticed some red and white poles in Church Field recently. The University of York's training for undergraduate archaeology students involves carrying out non-invasive surveys on land between St Pauls Church and Heslington Hall. This forms part of a larger research project investigating early land-use on the 'Heslington Road Ridge' which began in 2012 with survey and excavation on Walmgate Stray. If local residents are interested there could be extra days arranged for working with the community – contact Karen.maddison@york.ac.uk.

LEAF SWEEPING. The annual leaf sweeping day is to be on Saturday 15th November – meet outside The Deramore Arms at 10.00am armed with broom and shovel. Please come along – The more the merrier and the tidier. It can be fun and good exercise!

<u>USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS and email addresses.</u>			
CITY OF YORK COUNCIL -	Main Number –	01904 55155	Respark free hotline – 0800 1381119
NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE – (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking): Tony Barge – PCSO 5557	tony.barge@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk		Non-Emergency Number – 101
Students Union Day Disturbance Hotline -			01904 433724
UNIVERSITY SECURITY HOTLINE –			0800 433333
CYC NOISE CONTROL			01904 551555
CYC Smarter York Officer –	suzanne.prance@york.gov.uk -		01904 553101
York Hospital –			01904 631313
Heslington Football Club –	John Sellars -	jonnyebenezer@fsmail.net	07978 075180
Fulford Football Club –	Graham Souter -	graham@pressgreen.com -	01904 635365 or 07769 901914
Civil Service Association Cricket Club –	Jon Winfield –		01904 448796
Heslington Scout Group -	Andrew Eccles –	www.heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk	01904 413626
Heslington Brownies/Rainbows	Janet Owston -	j_owston@yahoo.co.uk	01904 410030
Village Meeting Room –	c/o Deramore Arms	peterjatkinson@me.com	01904 413433