

HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER MAY 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 COUNCILLOR CHANGES. The Parish Council give their thanks and best wishes to Joan Visick who has recently resigned. They are pleased to welcome the new Councillor, Andrew Collingwood, who had previously been a Parish Councillor and has now moved back to live in the parish again.

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 June, 16th July, 20th August, and 17th September. 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. The PC recently objected to an application by Lloyds Bank for illuminated signage to the bank and illuminated bright green strips around their ATM. The application has since been refused. A more recent application to change the house known as Fairfields in School Lane from a family house into a 9 bedroom student house has generated many objections from village residents. Your PC has also submitted an objection.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – HMOs. 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. A recent Freedom of Information enquiry to CYC reveals that there are currently 104 properties in Heslington parish, out of a total of 564 properties, which are “Student exempt” Households. This represents 18% of the total and there may be other houses in multiple occupation not known to CYC. This can happen when one of the occupants is not a student so that Council Tax becomes payable. If residents are aware of any such properties the Parish Council will be grateful if they would inform the Parish Clerk or any Councillor.

CYC DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – THE PREFERRED OPTIONS. CYC has produced its draft Local Plan and full details of their proposals will be available by 5th June. The consultation period will run from 5th June to 31st July. Your PC will be considering the proposals in great detail as there will be many objections to the proposal for a new village of up to 5580 houses on land at the South end of Heslington parish and beyond the A64. We understand that the new village will have a new access directly onto the A64 and private vehicles from this new village would not be allowed to travel to Heslington via Common Lane, but buses may– there is still a lot to be explained. Your PC will try to keep residents informed of their discussions and are currently trying to organise an open meeting at which Julian Sturdy MP will be present. Councillor Levene is also organising an open meeting with an independent chairperson.

HESLINGTON MAIN STREET – THE STREET SCENE. Following requests from the PC and your Ward Councillor we understand that CYC are looking into the problem of the many advertising banners around Main Street and your PC is hopeful that some further controls will be implemented.

MAIN STREET / UNIVERSITY ROAD / FIELD LANE ALTERATIONS and CYCLE PATH

Following the very vocal meeting at the Church where the CYC proposals were presented and discussed, the proposals have now been put on indefinite hold while the levels of pedestrian and cycle traffic are further assessed.

UNIVERSITY ROAD CYCLE TRACK. The PC understands that this track has now moved to No 2 on the CYC priority list for cycle tracks. There is hope that the work will start within the next 12 months.

HESLINGTON EAST – SEWER. The PC is concerned that the University’s new sewerage system has overflowed into the adjacent farm fields on 5 occasions recently which resulted in tanker loads of sewerage being taken through the village. The Heslington East Campus continues to be developed.

UNIVERSITY TRAVEL SURVEY. The university has completed its annual travel survey for which all staff and students are asked to complete questionnaires to detail their travel modes and times and routes. Only 7.8% of students responded so the conclusions are only a guide. Of the student responses 5.2% arrive by car and 19.6% own a car. Bus use has increased considerably by both students and staff. The number and percentage of staff trips by car alone is slightly higher than last year but is considerably lower than in 2006 [38% compared to 50.4%] so the University’s efforts are having some good effect

OUTGANG ROAD RESURFACING. The tarmac section of The Outgang has now been resurfaced and widened. The roadside verges still need to revert to grass and residents are requested not to drive over the verges. This road and the stoned area of The Outgang is an essential access for farm traffic which can require 15ft of clear roadway. Residents using the Outgang are asked to park neatly and to ensure that a clear access is left for farm traffic at all times. The Sportsfield committee have plans to tidy the parking area and keep it neat and attractive.

STREET BUDDIES. Our Street Environment Office – Suzanne Prance – is still hoping to hear from any volunteers to help keep the many little parts of the village looking as it should. The zip line is - **Be a Street Buddy Do you Love Where You Live and want to get more involved?** If you can help in however small a way ,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

NOISE WARNING. Fulford Golf Club have informed us that they will be having a celebration charity ball in aid of Martin House Children's Hospice on the 7th September and have asked us to inform the residents. They will have a live band who will be playing until around 11.30pm, therefore there maybe some noise disruption on the night.

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE -Heslington Surgeries - 2013

These are scheduled to take place at the Village Meeting Room from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. The next one is on 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 –		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