# HESLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Newsletter

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<u>Feedback</u> We are always interested in residents' comments on the Newsletter. If there is something you would like us to add, just contact the Parish Clerk at HeslingtonPC@outlook.com.

#### Dog fouling

The Lengthsperson has reported that the amount of dog excrement on footpaths is increasing. Besides the possibility of fines, it is important to realise that several serious human diseases can be transmitted from seemingly 'healthy' dogs.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Heslington Big Jubilee Lunch

All residents are welcome at the Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5 June. Bring along your picnics or you can buy BBQ food from the Deramore. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. Heslington Main St will be closed to traffic and tables and picnic areas will be set out along the road and verges. There will be music and entertainment, and games for the children. For more information and to get involved, check out:

https://patchworkit.com/41931/HeslingtonStreetParty, or email hvt.jubilee@gmail.com

#### Main Street closure Sunday 5 June

To prepare for the Big Jubilee Lunch, Heslington Main St will be closed to traffic on Sunday 5 June from 9.30am to 5pm. The road will be closed between Brown's and the Deramore Arms. Main Street residents will be contacted regarding arrangements for vehicle parking and essential access. The organisers wish to thank everyone affected for their support.

Waste and Recycling Free replacement recycling boxes, lids and nets are available from CYC. Telephone 01904551551. For details contact

#### https://www.york.gov.uk/ReplacementBins

Local Plan The Local plan proposes to build a new garden village in the Parish. Briefly, three hundred acres of land at Langwith Lodge farm and two hundred acres of Elvington airfield which is in the Parish could be built on. A further four hundred and seventy acres of grade two land will also be removed from production to compensate/ mitigate for the new settlement being so close to local conservation areas: SINC sites on Elvington Airfield, The Tilmire and Derwent Ings, and possible infrastructure building i.e. new road access.

Some groups have commented to the inspectors that, at 3400 houses, this is too small to be a viable development and a sustainable community. There remains the unanswered question of existing residents' and businesses' vehicular access to Heslington if, as proposed, Common Lane, Long Lane and Langwith Stray are designated foot and cycle traffic routes, to and from the new development. No workable solution for residents has been proposed

Heslington Parish Council is objecting to these proposals. Phase 2 Hearings for the Local Plan took place from Wednesday 11 May to Friday 13 May 2022 in the Booth Hall at the Citadel, Gillygate, York, YO31 7EA. Key topics were: Strategic Vision, Outcomes and Development Principles, Housing Need and Requirement and Economic Development.

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Cycle Routes Sustrans were commissioned by CYC to explore possible routes from Elvington via Heslington into York. They have now reported their feasibility plan to CYC. A different group is exploring a route from Wheldrake via Heslington. The Parish Council met with Sustrans and discussed issues and concerns that might arise. These are documented in the Parish Council minutes of February 2022.

<u>Village Meeting Room</u> Situated off Main Street opposite the Deramore Arms and behind Linden Cottage, the Meeting Room is a former Methodist Chapel available for hire at a reasonable charge for regular activities and for one-off meetings, parties etc. Visit the website www.heslingtonmeetingroom.net or phone 10904 42130 for further information and bookings. A number of major improvements to the venue have been carried out in the last two years.

<u>York Environment Forum</u> The Parish Council no longer has representation on this group. You can find out about their activities via their website listed in Heslington Useful Links on the parish website. Individuals or groups can join for a modest fee.

**Report a fly-tipping problem** When you report a fly-tipping problem, City of York\_Council aim to clear it away within 6 working days. Where items are found which could be used as evidence in legal action against those responsible for fly-tipping, the Neighbourhood Enforcement team will investigate further.

https://myaccount.york.gov.uk/form/fly-tipping

Sportsfield Chairman's report from the recent AGM. 'It has been great to see things returning to some sort of normality over the last year. The football clubs have had good use from the grounds, and we expect to see a full cricket season ahead. The new cricket net facility is underway, and the development of this should ensure the continued growth of the cricket club, that in turn helps to ensure the financial stability for HSMC going forward. The unsafe tree has been felled, and we aim to have the popular zipwire back in action shortly.

We need to improve and repair some of the play equipment and surfacing, and we have been granted some money from CYC to aid with this, but funds are still limited and it continues to be a challenge to make ends meet. The sportsfield is a valuable part of Heslington community, and the work of the committee is often overlooked by residents who are not aware that it is run as a charity, so please allow me to thank all the committee for their voluntary work to ensure it remains as an asset for the village.

We would welcome any residents interested to join the committee, so please contact me at tom@yorkmaze.com if you are interested.

Tom Pearcy, Chairman.'

<u>Heslington Neighbourhood Plan</u>. The Parish Council is currently applying for a grant to help with the costs of financing the further work needed. They have also arranged a meeting with the consultants for the end of May.

New Lengthsperson. A new Lenthsman called Michael Harter started in February and makes the following observations about his work so far. "After 3 months in post as Village Lengthsperson I find there is plenty to be working on. The many mature trees aren't content just to shed their leaves in Autumn but seem to be on an endless daily mission to drop twigs, blossom, bark and leaves onto the paths and roads. Meanwhile, new shoots of nettles and brambles make it a challenge to spot litter hidden in the verges. Even so, it is a great pleasure to see the resurgence of Spring greenery, which on balance is much more of a blessing than a curse. The job of keeping the main thoroughfares clear is a solitary one but could certainly not be described as lonely.

The many comments of appreciation I have received whilst about my work are testimony to the warmth of this community. And it feels worthwhile to be removing at least some of the harmful waste such as plastic and broken glass from the environment (though credit is due to the volunteers who also give their time to this task). If only the man-made litter would return to earth as readily as the natural stuff! But until packaging methods (and littering habits) change, there'll be plenty to do for the foreseeable future...".

#### 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 Parish Clerk. Comments to CYC on behalf of residents are posted on the CYC website.

Your Parish Councillors Mrs Pauline Bramley [Chairman], Mr David Blacketer, Mr Richard Bramley, Mr John Garner, Mr Peter Hall, Ms Beverley Heap, Ms Rose Hilton, Mr Tom Pearcy, Mrs Zena Richards.

Ward Councillors Heslington South (Fulford and Heslington Ward) – Cllr Keith Aspden. Tel: 01904 551916.

cllr.kaspden@york.gov.uk Heslington North (Hull Road Ward) - Cllrs Michael Pavlovic, George Norman and Aisling Musson.

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**Parish Council Meetings** Usually held at 7.30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

#### **Useful Phone Numbers and email Addresses.** City of York Council (CYC) Main Number -01904 551550 Respark issues -0800 1381119 North Yorkshire Police - (antisocial behaviour, dangerous parking) -David Leach snayorknorth@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk Non-Emergency Number 101 01904 323724 Students Union Day Disturbance Hotline - 9am to 5pm, Mon - Fri University Security Hotline -01904 324444 CYC Noise Patrol - Friday and Saturday only 01904 551555 CYC Community Officer - Cindy Benton - cindy.benton@york.gov.uk 01904 551810 York Hospital -01904 631313 Heslington Football Club - clubwebsite.co.uk/heslingtonfc01/124960/home - John Sellars 07972075180 Fulford Football Club - Graham Souter- fulfordfc.co.uk/ 01904 635365 Heslington Cricket Club - Graham Purdy heslingtoncricket.com 07532137690 Heslington Sportsfield - facebook.com/heslingtonsmc Heslington Outgang pavilion and pitches - Graham Purdy - heslingtonsmc@gmail.com 07532137690 Heslington Scout Group - Scouts, Beavers and Cubs - gsl@heslingtonscoutgroup.org.uk 01904 622213 Heslington/Fulford Brownies- Sue Lawrence 07944584074 Village Meeting Room - heslingtonmeetingroom.net 01904 422130 York Wheels -01904630080