

PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 1.5.2018

These are the basic points for the Annual Report.

Much of what I report will have been covered in 2017 and 2016. (6 years April 2012) The most frustrating part of being a Councillor is the time one must wait from sanctioning an action to that action being executed. Extremely frustrating and I do not think I will ever overcome this.

Planning Applications The council has considered Ten (8) applications over the past year an increase from the 2017 figure of five(3) as follows:-

1. Telephone box, junction of Church Lane and the A59. This is still in hand as the police wish to keep it. There is very little mobile signal here and the telephone may be needed in case of accident. (Not resolved)
2. Conservatory at 'Hunters Lodge' East Lane. Passed
3. Demolition of bungalow and erection of 2 no. detached 4 bedroom dormer bungalows at 'Fourways' Moor Monkton. Outline, O/S
4. Conversion with extension of outbuildings to form 1 no. residential dwelling with erection of porch, raising roof height and erection of new boundary wall and gate with alterations to access and formation of hard standing and associated landscaping at 'Wheatsheaf Farm, Church Lane. P/C 23 August 2017
5. Erection of 1 no. 2 storey extension and 1 no. single storey extension. Altered Fenestration and formation of decking at 'Nidd Rise' Church lane. Not resolved. O/S
6. Variation of condition 4 of permission 11/04951 Full to allow the holiday accommodation not to be linked to Wheatsheaf Farm. Passed
7. Listed Building consent for the installation of replacement timber sash windows to 3 elevations at 'Rosemead House'. O/S
8. Notification of Prior approval for change of use of agricultural buildings to form 2 no. dwellings at Park Farm Hall Lane. O/S

Discussion also took place about the following planning applications that could directly or indirectly affect the residents of Moor Monkton.

1. Asphalt Plant Hessay. Discussion took place and a letter was sent via the Parish Clerk to the planning dept York City Council.

2. Development at Green Hammerton (3000) homes. This matter was discussed and a letter sent by the clerk to the planning dept.
3. Development of Sugar Beet processing Plant along the old A1. Discussed and letter sent ref.

All schemes would affect the volume of traffic along the A59 together with increase pollution from the Asphalt plant at Hessay.

Drainage Church Lane The Parish Council has put continued pressure on the highways dept. for the last 5 years. The problem started in December 2013 when heavy rain caused flooding to a bungalow on Church Lane, the residents had to move out for 6 months until the house was dried out and renovated. This problem will hopefully be resolved when the contractors finish the work on Church Lane. Warren will be able to sleep and cease his monthly visits to Area 6 Highways Dept. Boroughbridge. I think they will miss him. Traffic lights in operation this coming Thursday and Friday to finish off the work it should then be complete.

Bulbs Whilst the contractors digging for the electricity cable for Queen Ethelburgs disturbed many of the bulbs planted down Church Lane two residents planted bulbs received from Harrogate Borough Council last year. We will attempt to plant more this coming autumn and get back to the display we had prior to the cable being laid. Thanks to Trevor and Kevin for planting.

Neighbourhood Watch Michael Wilson continues to do an excellent job circulating residents with alerts from North Yorkshire Police and reporting to the Parish Council. We still need a representative to visit new residents with information, hand out roundels to display and Michael's e mail to keep them informed of the alerts.

A59 Junction The Parish Council continue to press the Highways Dept. for measures to slow the traffic especially at busy rush hour times. It is very difficult to turn right or left out of the junction and often we take risks. Safety needs improving here. Councillor Andy Paraskos is trying to put pressure on the council to act.

HGV Discussion with New World Foods has seen a reduction in the number of HGV entering the village and not able to turn subsequently doing damage to

verges, walls and signs. After discussion with NWF they agreed to put a sign inside the NWF entrance and before lorry's reach NWF these have eased the problem, BUT other problems have now occurred with HGV not from NWF entering the village and causing damage this is on the agenda today.

Verge Cutting The Parish council have now instructed for 3 cuts to the verges from the beck on Marston Lane to the gate at Laund Farm. This will keep the edges tidy and allow visibility round corners. The hedge on the South side of the A59 from Turnbridge House to Marston Lane and down Marston Lane to the railway line has also been cut to allow for visibility and clear, safe access to the bus shelter.

PC Website Funds were made available by YLCA to either set up a new Parish Council web site or make adjustments to the Parish council section of the present site on the Moor Monkton web site. This has recently been completed and is much easier to access with all PC documents openly displayed.

Defibrillator After problems last Easter it was decided that the Parish Council needed to recruit a volunteer to maintain the machine. Thank you to Trevor Woodward for volunteering his services to carry out this task. A Training session was also organised in the use of the machine some 15 people attended and benefited from the experience. It should be noted that if the Defibrillator is sanctioned by the ambulance for use then you will be talked through the procedure by the machine.

Balls Corner The Parish Council discussed at length the safety on this corner with ref. to vehicles parking in front of 'Stoneridge' double yellow lines were suggested but felt totally out of keeping in a village. Cones could be used but only by the people hiring the room. It was left for drivers to use a little common sense and not park near the corner.

Litter & Rubbish We are fortunate to have Les Hitchings who regularly walks his dogs down Church Lane and at the same time collects the rubbish, thank you Les. Three members of the village collected along Church lane and Marston Lane. Rubbish needs to be collected when the verge is cut so exposing the rubbish.

Village Plan

We have continued to implement some of the findings from the village plan. The Footpaths/ bridleways. Definitive Map Signs and posts. Jacqueline Duncan has spent a great deal of time and has walked miles to determine where we need signs. A recent meeting with a field Officer from HBC proved positive and work will continue until we have a plan clearly visible in the village and pathways well signposted. Thanks to the Pickering's, Adam's, Goddard's and Boucher's for assisting with this task.

We are dealing with a cycle rack Shelter at the end of Church Lane.

Training

Two councillors underwent training throughout the year.

Councillor Jacqueline Duncan attended 'Developing your Skills as a Councillor' and Ann Johnson attended a 'Chairman's Skills' course.

Thank you to all councillors who give up their own leisure time to serve the village, all are volunteers and I thank them for the work they have carried out throughout the past year.

Thanks also to Andy Paraskos for attending meetings and reporting any relevant information to Moor Monkton Parish Council from Harrogate Borough Council.

Ann Johnson, Chairman.

1st May 2018