

# Newsletter

April 2012

The Parish Council met on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and considered a number of items.

## NORTH STAINLEY OIL CLUB

The Parish Council would like to thank Linda Robinson for volunteering to become the co-ordinator of North Stainley Oil Club.

Linda has already been working hard and is ready to launch the club (initially to residents within the main village) on the 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**See flyer for more details.**

## RETIREMENT OF JACKIE DONALDSON

Jackie has indicated that she will not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council in May. Jackie was thanked for having served on the Parish Council for 8 years.

This means that there will be a vacancy for a new Councillor to serve on the Council. Nomination forms (which are available from the Clerk) to be appointed through the electoral process have to be submitted to Harrogate Borough Council by noon on 4th April. If there are insufficient candidates (i.e. less than 7 people standing for election) then the Parish Council will be free to 'co-opt' or choose someone to fill any remaining vacancies.

Information about the role of a Parish Councillor can be found in the Good Councillors' Guide, which is available from the Clerk, or by 'googling' the title online.

If you would be interested in becoming a Councillor then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible, but preferably before 13th May 2012.

## WATERMILL POND



Preparations are underway to try and tackle the 'crassula helmsii' weed problem in the small pond with the watermill in.

The fish in the pond will be netted and transferred to a new location, before a sheet is put over the pond. This will block out the light and hopefully kill the weed, although it is likely to take several months to work. It is hoped that this will take place at the beginning of April.

The Parish Council has been concerned about **disturbances** in the village during the past two weekends, including dangerous incidents such as putting a picnic table in the middle of the main road. Information has been passed to North Yorkshire Police who will be carrying out additional patrols in the village. Please report any suspicious activity or groups to the Police (call 101). Parents are asked to monitor their children's behaviour and whereabouts.

## RIPON LIBRARY



With effect from w/c 4<sup>th</sup> June the new opening hours at Ripon library will be:

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday	10am – 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 5pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am – 2pm
Sunday	Closed

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## POTGATE QUARRY



The Parish Council met with representatives of Potgate Quarry to consider their proposals for an extension. The Council's previous concerns (about the route of the public right of way and the close proximity to Musterfield Lane) seem to have been overcome. It is expected that a planning application will be submitted to North Yorkshire County Council in the next few weeks.

## INVITATION

The Parish Council would like to invite parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April in the side meeting room of North Stainley Village Hall.

This is an opportunity for the parish to come together, review what's taken place in the past twelve months and look forward to the 2012/13 year.

The Annual Parish Meeting will follow the launch of the Oil Club (see flyer).

The next Parish Council meeting will be take place on 15<sup>th</sup> May.