

# Newsletter

September 2012

The Parish Council met on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and considered a number of items.

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The Parish Council now has a dedicated website which can be found at the address given above. The website will contain information and updates about the Parish Council's work and act as an archive for its documents. You can also use the site to contact the Parish Council using the form on the 'Contact Us' page.

## VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

### **New School**

Richard Plummer, Chair of Governors, attended to give an update on proposals for a new school in North Stainley. A new building is required to help secure the future of the school because the present site is too small for the current and projected roll and because it is unsuitable in several other respects. These cannot be resolved as long as the school remains in its current location.

Although a number of locations are being considered around North Stainley village, Mr Staveley (landowner) has confirmed that his preferred site is currently Front Field - behind Lavender Lane, between the Ripon Rowel walk and The Staveley Arms.

The shortcomings of the current building and the fact that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) would not be required to fully fund the project means that they consider there to be a compelling case for a new school in North Stainley.

NYCC's Education Department has agreed to carry out a feasibility study to help determine how and where the project will proceed, including establishing an accurate cost for a new building.

The results of this study should be available to the School's governing body in October and so Mr Plummer was invited to attend the Parish Council's November meeting to give a further update on the project.

All those present at the meeting agreed the need for full public consultation with local residents. This will take place as soon as possible, but only when there is sufficient information available to enable people to come to an informed view on the project.

### **Housing Development**

Mr Staveley used the meeting as an opportunity to stress that **there are currently no proposals for further housing development in North Stainley** (other than that which already has planning permission), or to fund the new school through further housing. This is due to a combination of market forces and Harrogate Borough Council's unwillingness to allow further development in the village during their current planned period.

### **Village Shop**

Mr Staveley advised that he is in the early stages of working with architects on a scheme to redevelop the village shop. In view of the opinions given by the public at previous meetings this was welcomed by the Parish Council.

North Yorkshire County Council is proposing a new **Vehicle Activated Sign Scheme** whereby Parish Councils will be able to pay for units to be sited temporarily in their area. Further details are awaited as to the cost and frequency of visits to each site.



The Parish Council's 2011/12 accounts have now been fully approved by the External Auditor. The accounts can be viewed on the new website.

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Planning meetings will be held, if necessary, on 16<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Meetings start at 7.30pm in North Stainley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered.