

Newsletter

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September 2014

The Parish Council met on 16th September and considered a number of items.

HARROGATE LOCAL PLAN / DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH STAINLEY

A Local Plan is the set of policies which planning applications are judged against and which determine how / where development will be allowed.

Harrogate Borough Council's (HBC) proposed Sites and Policies document was recently found to be unsound as it didn't contain provision for enough new housing in the District.

HBC has now put out a 'call for sites' asking for ideas of where development could take place in the next few years.

It is understood that a site(s) in North Stainley will be put forward, but the Parish Council does not yet have detailed information about this. Until a new policy is drawn up, HBC is faced with the prospect of trying to decide on planning applications

with no clear guidance as to when / where development should be allowed.

A number of planning applications for significant housing developments in the District have already been received by HBC.

It is expected that this situation will affect North Stainley as / when firm proposals for development are put forward.

See Harrogate Borough Council's 'Plan the Future with Us' newsletter for more detailed information:

www.harrogate.gov.uk/plan/Documents/Planning%20Policy/newsletter/2014-09-newsletter-plan-the-future-with-us.pdf

INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

The introduction of IER will modernise the way people register to vote, help to tackle electoral fraud and improve confidence in the electoral register. Please respond if needed when Harrogate Borough Council write to you.

The Parish Council is concerned that the **pavement** along the main road, in front of the Shepherds and near Beatswell Lawn, was not resurfaced properly.

Weeds quickly started growing through the new tarmac. This has been reported to North Yorkshire County Council and will be followed up by the Parish Council until a satisfactory resolution is found.

There are no changes proposed to the **159 bus** when the contract for providing this service is renewed in April 2015.



TOUR DE FRANCE REVIEW

It was agreed that the celebrations on 4th – 6th July had been greatly enjoyed by village residents. The impact of lower than predicted visitor numbers on businesses and traders was noted.

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TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

The Parish Council is going to object to TPOs proposed in the cul-de-sacs off Watermill Lane. It does not consider that the trees identified warrant such a measure.

NEW COUNCILLOR

Dawn Levine of Watermill Lane was welcomed on to the Council. Details of all serving Councillors are on the Council's website:

www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/Councillors



VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN SCHEME

The Parish Council has given positive feedback to North Yorkshire County Council on the trial VAS scheme. Details of a future scheme have not yet been revealed, but this Council would be keen to participate if possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 18th November.
A planning meeting, to consider new applications or other urgent items of business, may be held on 21st October. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in North Stainley Village Hall's side meeting room.
Members of the public welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered.