

Newsletter

March 2015

The Parish Council met on 17th March 2015 and considered a number of items.

LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The Parish Council is looking to identify, for special protection, green areas of particular importance to our local community. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.

Areas must meet a number of criteria such as having a recreational purpose, natural beauty or wildlife value, but if you know of somewhere in this parish which you think might merit this designation please contact the Parish Council before 21st April.

FEEDBACK FROM VILLAGE MEETING

Councillors discussed the recent village meeting and the results of the Village Development Questionnaire carried out by North Stainley Estate at the end of 2014.

The Parish Council's position remains that it will carry out its own survey, including a for/against question, as and when a planning application is submitted to Harrogate Borough Council. This will enable it obtain a clear mandate from the parish public on the final proposals.



159 BUS



Starting in April a new journey will operate from Ripon at 09.35hrs to Leyburn.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to invite residents to the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for the parish to come together, review what's taken place in the past twelve months and look forward to the 2015/16 year. Local organisations will also be invited to come and report on their activities.

The next full Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on 19th May 2015.

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MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN

The full statement from the Parish Council can be found online:

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North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) is in the process of drawing up a Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. The plan will provide strategic guidance about when and where minerals and waste development (including quarrying) may take place across the whole county over the coming years. As part of the process of drawing up the new plan developers and landowners are invited to put forward potential sites for quarrying. Three sites in the parish were put forward in 2011:

- An extension to Potgate Quarry.
- An extension to Hanson's Ripon Quarry (located between North Stainley and North Lees).
- A site near Quarry House, West Tanfield.

Details of all the sites put forward can be found on a map on NYCC's website:

http://maps.northyorks.gov.uk/connect/?mapcfg=minerals_cfs

The inclusion of sites at this stage does not imply any support by the Authorities (or the Parish Council) for development in these locations as further assessment of them still needs to be undertaken by NYCC.

In April 2012 the Parish Council noted that sites had been put forward in this area and looked forward to the 'preferred options' stage of the consultation process. This is when NYCC will ask for opinions on sites which are likely to be included in the final plan and would therefore be likely to gain planning permission. This consultation is still awaited, the latest indication being that it will commence in early summer. When it happens the Parish Council will publicise it and consider it at one of its meetings which are open to the public to attend.

Because of the delays in producing the Local Plan, Hanson UK submitted a planning application for an extension to their Ripon Quarry in December 2011. The Parish Council submitted a number of comments to NYCC, although it had no major objections as the proposal moves the extraction area away from North Stainley village and does not increase the output of the quarry. Hanson UK expect that this application will be determined in the summer.

In the meantime, they're asking for an extension to the agreed timescale for extracting material from the area they're already working in. The proposal does not include an increase or change to the area of extraction, which already has planning permission, nor are any major changes proposed to the agreed restoration strategy. The Parish Council has no objections to the proposal at this stage.