

Tanfield Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

May 2012

The Parish Council met on 16th April 2012 and considered a number of items.

TRAFFIC CALMING

It is hoped that a new policy, currently being considered by North Yorkshire County Council, would allow parishes (or groups of parishes) to use a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign in their areas.

This would mean that the signs could be used to target where speeding vehicles are a problem. They would be sited in these areas for a few weeks, before being moved on to other sites.

There is currently no timescale for when the new policy may be drawn up or implemented, but the Parish Council will continue to pursue this as a potentially achievable method of further traffic calming.

VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council, one for the East Tanfield ward, the other for West Tanfield.

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

Anyone interested in becoming a Councillor is asked to contact the Clerk prior to 14th May using the details given below.

PLANNING APPLICATION



The Parish Council agreed that it has no objections to a proposal for an extension at Tarn Cottage, Nosterfield.

The Parish Council considered the latest consultation on the **Minerals and Waste Development Framework**. It was agreed that on this occasion it did not wish to make any comments to North Yorkshire County Council.

Details of progress with drawing up the framework can be found on the County Council's website:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/mwdf

It is expected that the Parish Council will be consulted on potential quarrying sites in this area over the summer. Watch out on the noticeboards for further details.

FRIARAGE HOSPITAL

The Parish Council agreed that it will closely monitor proposals for and consultations on the provision of children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital.



LIBRARY OPENING TIMES



The new opening times at Bedale and Ripon libraries, with effect from 4th June are:

	Ripon	Bedale
Monday	10am – 6pm	2 – 5pm
Tuesday	10am – 5pm	10am - 4pm
Wednesday	10am - 5pm	2pm – 5pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm	Closed
Friday	10am - 5pm	10am – 4pm
Saturday	10am – 2pm	10am – 12pm

Members of the public will be able to elect a **Police and Crime Commissioner** in November. Their job will be to cut crime and deliver an efficient police service in North Yorkshire.

Potholes in Thornborough will be reported to Highways North Yorkshire for repair.

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NEXT MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting** on 14th May at 8pm in West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

This is an opportunity to review what's been going on in the parish during the past year and look forward to the next twelve months.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will also take place that evening as will a meeting for the Parish Council to consider any new planning applications.

The next, ordinary, Parish Council meeting will take place on 9th July 2012.