

Tanfield Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

April 2015

The Parish Council met on 15th April 2015 and considered a number of items.



SPEEDING IN WEST TANFIELD



Nosterfield Road

Checks carried out in February showed that the speeds recorded are higher than those expected within a 30mph speed. The Safer Hambleton Speed Matrix Group has agreed that the flashing matrix sign will now be deployed at this location to act as an educational message to motorists. North Yorkshire Police will also be requested to undertake periodic speed enforcement activity as and when they have capacity available. The Parish Council does not know, and has no control over, when the matrix sign will be deployed and for how long.

Community Speedwatch

The Parish Council's application to take part in this scheme has been successful. Local volunteers, to work with North Yorkshire Police representatives, have been recruited.

The first events will take place on 27th and 28th April and will focus on Main Street in West Tanfield.



ELECTIONS

The deadline for standing for election to the Parish Council has now passed.

Only 2 nominations were received by Hambleton District Council. This means that Peter Hull from Nosterfield and Steven Houston from near North Stainley will be elected to the new Parish Council with effect from 12th May 2015.

There were no nominations received for the East Tanfield ward.

As this is an insufficient number of members for the Council to be quorate and take decisions, the District Council will make a temporary appointment. It is thought that the new District Councillor will, temporarily, become a member of the Parish Council.

Further elections to the Parish Council, to try and fill the remaining 3 seats, will have to take place.

It is not yet known when this will take place, or if there will be a cost to the Parish Council.

If you would be interested in joining the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible. Information about the role of a Parish Councillor is in the Good Councillor's Guide. A link to this guide is on the Council's website.

HANSON'S RIPON QUARRY

Hanson UK are preparing to submit an application to North Yorkshire County Council requesting a 4 year extension to the agreed timescale for extracting minerals at their Ripon Quarry, located close to North Stainley. Part of the extraction area is in East Tanfield.

The proposal does not include an increase or change to the area of extraction, which already has planning permission, nor are any significant changes proposed to the agreed restoration strategy. It is expected that a planning application will be submitted this summer.

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A new 'Transparency Code for smaller authorities' has come in to force. This means that the Parish Council will be required to routinely publish more information on its website about its accounts and governance. An example of what this will mean for Tanfield Parish Council is that draft minutes of meetings will now be published within one month of the meeting being held. The Government considers that publication of the items in the new Code will provide the local electorate and ratepayers with a clear picture of the activities of smaller authorities such as Tanfield Parish Council.



A new **159 bus** journey will operate from Ripon to Leyburn at 9.35am each day.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Parish Council invites all residents to attend the annual meetings to be held on 13th May 2015.

The Annual Parish Meeting (a meeting of the electors of the parish) will start things off at 7pm in West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting (the formal, 'AGM' of the Council) takes place afterwards and will be followed by a planning meeting if required.