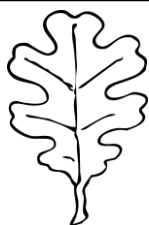


Newsletter

February 2012

The Parish Council met on 19th January and considered a number of items of business.



JUBILEE TREES

The Parish Council supported proposals to plant an oak tree in each ward of the Parish to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Oak trees, with guards round, will be planted in the next few weeks.

OIL CO-OPERATIVE

The Parish Council is still looking for a co-ordinator for this project. Please contact the Clerk if you could help.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Ordinary elections are scheduled this year with all Councillors subject to re-election. Harrogate Borough Council is holding a meeting to give guidance to anyone interested in standing for election in the Council Chamber, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate, HG1 2SG on 6th March 2012 at 6pm. See 'The Good Councillors' Guide' for information about the role of Parish Councillors (available by googling the title).

PARISH CARETAKER

The Parish Council is pleased to be continuing to receive funding for the Parish Caretaker scheme which is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, and is managed by the Yorkshire Dales Leader Programme.

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If you know of any tasks you would like the caretaker to do please contact the Parish Clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council agreed it has no objections to an agricultural building being constructed near Low Grantley, subject to the size of the building being proportionate to the size of the holding. No objections (subject to there being no overlooking issues) were also agreed to two applications for alterations to Church Farm in Sawley to allow the creation of a holiday let.

REPORT FROM SAWLEY ARTS GROUP

In the autumn, thanks to a grant from the Sawley Small Grants Scheme, SAG was able to run three workshops open to all, and an exhibition, "The Hidden Artists of Sawley", at the village hall. The workshops, using clay, felt and fabric collage, were led by local volunteers who passed on their skills and enthusiasm to groups of willing and appreciative locals. Fifty people attended over the three sessions.

The weekend exhibition featured twenty local artists showing work in many forms: dressmaking, woodturning, painting, lacemaking, willow sculpture, needlework and knitting. Over a hundred people came to the exhibition, most delighted by the abundance of artistic talent we have in the area.

The Sawley Small Grants Scheme is still open for applications. Individuals living in, or organisations serving the Sawley ward can apply for grants. Please contact the Clerk for further information and for an application form.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The next meeting and the Grantley Ward Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March 2012 at 7.30pm in Grantley Village Hall.