

Newsletter

March / April 2012

The Parish Council met on 13th March and considered a number of items of business.

RETIREMENT OF TED DODSWORTH & KEN WALMSLEY

Ted and Ken have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council in May. Both have served on the Council for a number of years, Ted latterly as Chairman. A formal farewell to both Ted and Ken will take place at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

This means that there will be vacancies for new Councillors to serve on the Council. Nomination forms (available from the Clerk) to be appointed through the electoral process have to be submitted to Harrogate Borough Council by noon on 4th April. If, as expected, there are insufficient candidates (i.e. less than 7 people standing for election) then the Parish Council will be free to 'co-opt' or choose people to fill the remaining vacancies.

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

If you would be interested in becoming a Councillor then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible, but preferably before 15th May 2012.

Parish Councillors will discuss the provision of a **new noticeboard in Grantley** with the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting.

Harrogate Borough Council has now begun to collect **garden waste for recycling** from Low Grantley properties.



The **Parish Caretakers** are going to be spending their time in the next few weeks picking litter from in the roadside verges throughout the parish.

RIPON LIBRARY



With effect from w/c 4th June the new opening hours at Ripon library will be:

Monday	10am – 6pm
Tuesday	10am – 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 5pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am – 2pm
Sunday	Closed

The full minutes of each meeting are displayed on the noticeboards once approved.

PARISH ROOM PROCEEDS UPDATE

Quotations are being sought for overhauling Sawley church clock. Awards totalling £1240.47 have been made from the Sawley Small Grants Scheme to help celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Parish Council is continuing to express its interest in getting faster **broadband** brought to this area.

HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE



Re-surfacing and patching works are planned to take place in the next few months on the road between Laverton & Harper Hill and on Eavestone Lane. Roads will be closed to allow the works to be carried out.



Harrogate Borough Council has confirmed that funding is available for the Friends of Sawley Wildlife Garden's latest project which will provide more tubs with plants in, a new garden bench seat and new post and rail fencing to part of the southern boundary.

SAWLEY BUS BAY SCHEME

County Councillor Paul Richardson has now given his approval to this project which it is hoped (after many years of planning) can finally go ahead soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The following meetings will be held on
**Thursday 17th May 2012 at 7.30pm in
Sawley Village Hall**

- The Sawley Ward Annual Parish Meeting.
- The Annual Parish Council Meeting.
- An ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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