

Newsletter

November 2012

The Parish Council met on 20th September and considered a number of items of business.



OIL CO-OPERATIVE

The Parish Council has agreed to facilitate the setting up of an oil co-operative in the Parish.

See overleaf for more information.



The Parish Council's 2011/12 accounts have now been checked by a representative of the Audit Commission and were found to be in good order.

The Parish Council is pressing **Highways North Yorkshire** to repair the road surface from the junction in Grantley to Town End Cottages and to ensure that Back Lane to Low Grantley is kept clear. Funding is extremely limited and there is no indication of when these works can be expected.



VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



The Parish Council wishes to clarify its position on further housing development in the parish. It has written to Harrogate Borough Council asking that they reconsider their policy whereby absolutely no new housing would be allowed in small rural villages (such as Grantley or Sawley).

The Parish Council considers that small scale, one-off proposals for development should be considered on their own merits and not be the subject of a blanket ban which could potentially stifle the on-going viability of villages.

The Parish Council is not proposing any specific sites for development within the parish.

VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to a change in her work circumstances Rachel Wigginton has had to stand down from the Parish Council. Mrs Wigginton had represented the Sawley ward since May and was thanked for her contribution in this time.

Notices about filling the vacancy will be displayed on the noticeboards in Sawley and Grantley, but if you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk.

Information about the work of a Parish Council can be found in the Good Councillors' Guide – available via nalc.gov.uk or from the Clerk.



BROADBAND



The Parish Council is keen to see internet speeds improved in this area, something which is also a priority for Harrogate Borough Council and the focus of a scheme called 'Superfast North Yorkshire' – a £54 million project by North Yorkshire County Council.

The Parish Council would be keen for this area to be one of the first to receive an upgraded broadband service and so it is asking that all residents and businesses complete the demand tool to provide North Yorkshire County Council with as much information as possible. For more information and to use the online tool please go to:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/broadband

For more information about the Nidderdale AONB's project to improve and reduce flooding on the **River Laver**, search for 'Ripon MOP' online.

SAWLEY PLAY EQUIPMENT

66% of respondents supported proposals for more play / fitness equipment on Sawley Village Green. Thank you to those who responded.

Another survey, with more information in, is going to be carried out before a final decision is taken as to how to proceed.

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NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is designed to provide a synopsis of the Parish Council's work. There are ways that you can find out what's going on in more detail:

- Come to Parish Council meetings. Members of the public are welcome to come and hear the matters being discussed. The list of dates for 2013 will be displayed on the noticeboards in Grantley and Sawley in the next few weeks.
- Ask to be put on the e-mail list of people who receive a copy of the full minutes from each meeting.
- Contact the Parish Clerk for more information on any of the articles.