

# Newsletter

March 2014

The Parish Council met in January and considered a number of items of business.

## PARISH CARETAKER

The Parish Council has been delighted with the work carried out by DTMS Ltd who are the parish caretaker.

This month they will be focussing on picking litter from the verges in the parish. They also regularly inspect the playgrounds at Grantley and Sawley, maintain Picking Gill nature reserve and carry out other labour intensive jobs. If you know of any jobs that you think need doing then please contact the Clerk.



## BACK LANE GRANTLEY

Back Lane has recently been cleared by DTMS and is now available for use by local residents.

Although it is still restricted to vehicles less than 6ft wide it is now easily passable on foot, horse or bike. Efforts will be made to try and make sure that it stays passable in the future.

## SAWLEY VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council is looking in to a number of issues around the original registration of Sawley Village Green. It is looking to regularise the situation regarding parking for the Village Hall and use of the access road. This is a complex issue and the Parish Council will seek advice as appropriate.

## HIGHWAYS PROBLEMS

Did you know that you can report problems with roads online and then track progress with repairs? Go to [northyorks.gov.uk](http://northyorks.gov.uk) and use the 'apply, pay, book, report online' facility. North Yorkshire County Council is your first point of contact for highways issues.

## GRASSCUTTING

Farm & Land Services Ltd has been reappointed as the Council's grasscutting contractor for 2014. They will cut the verges in villages 6 times and Sawley Village Green & Grantley Playing Field 14 times.

## CORE STRATEGY REVIEW

Harrogate Borough Council is beginning to review its Core Strategy. This is the central document of their Local Development Plan which governs development in the District.

The Council's responded to a first consultation by expressing the following opinions:

- ☞ Proportionate development needs to be allowed in villages.
- ☞ Development limits around villages need to allow for some opportunities for new housing.
- ☞ Developments need to include a mix of housing sizes, including houses that local people can afford.

## 2014/15 BUDGET

The Council's budget for next year is now online at [www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/financials](http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/financials)



The **Oil Club** is regularly saving members up to 8p/l on their heating oil. One member recently said "I phoned our usual supplier out of curiosity. You have saved us £75!" For more information and to join the club go to [www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/oilclub](http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/oilclub)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parish Council meeting & Grantley Ward Annual Parish Meeting in Grantley Village Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Council Meeting, Sawley Ward Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council Meeting in Sawley Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered. All meetings start at 7.30pm.

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