

# Newsletter

October 2014

The Parish Council met on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and considered a number of items of business.

## LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Harrogate Borough Council has prepared a newsletter to inform local residents about major developments with the preparation of the Local Plan. This is available on the Parish Council's website.

A Local Plan is the set of policies which planning applications are judged against and which determine how / where development will be allowed.

Harrogate Borough Council's (HBC) proposed Sites and Policies document was recently found to be unsound as it didn't contain provision for enough new housing in the District. HBC has now put out a 'call for sites' asking for ideas of where development could take place in the next few years. Until a new policy is drawn up, HBC is faced with the prospect of trying to decide on planning applications with no clear guidance as to when / where development should be allowed. A number of planning applications for significant housing developments in the district have already been received by HBC.

## INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

The introduction of IER will modernise the way people register to vote, help to tackle electoral fraud and improve confidence in the electoral register.

Please respond if needed when Harrogate Borough Council writes to you.

## SAWLEY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Parish Council was pleased to agree to give Eleanor Warren from Sawley £196.70 of grant funding to help with her travel costs while she studies abroad for the next year. The Parish Council wishes Eleanor well with her studies.

If you would like to apply for funding then the information and application form that you need are on the Council's website:

<http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/SawleyGrantsScheme>

## SUPERFAST BROADBAND

### Grantley

It is hoped that superfast broadband can be brought to Grantley quickly using a wireless radio signal beamed from Sutton Bank. This is then distributed wirelessly around the village. It's completely independent of BT (who are not proposing to upgrade Grantley until at least 2017) and the phone system and appears a very attractive option.

Key features are on the Council's website at: [www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/news](http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/news), or overleaf on the Grantley edition, but basically it costs £99 to install (plus £49 for their router if you choose that) then a monthly payment of £15 for 10mbs, £20 for 20mbs or £25 for 30mbs. If you wish, you can also transfer your phone number to use as an internet phone for a further £6 per month (saving your monthly line rental charge).

Parish Councillor Mike Lumb has agreed to champion this project and act as a point of contact with NYComms (the business which provides the service). To register your interest e-mail him at [nylumbs@live.co.uk](mailto:nylumbs@live.co.uk) or phone 620235.

### Sawley

BT is in the final stages of upgrading Sawley's exchange and some households may already be able to upgrade to superfast broadband. Contact your service provider for more information or see:

[www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com](http://www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com)



The Parish Council is preparing to go out to tender for the 2015 grasscutting contract.

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## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in Grantley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered.